**2.02 Three Levels of Aseptic Control Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Handout Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions:** Record notes and class discussion about the three levels of aseptic control.

**Asepsis**

Absence of pathogens

**Antisepsis**

**Disinfection**

**Sterilization**

Stops the growth or spread of pathogens

Destroys all microorganisms,

pathogens and

non-pathogens

Destroys pathogens

Not effective against

spores and viruses

Not always effective against spores and viruses

Destroys spores, and viruses

Used on skin

Used on objects

Used on objects

Examples:

Alcohol and Betadine

**Handwashing is the most effective technique**

Examples:

Bleach solutions and other chemicals

Examples:

Autoclave (steam/gas)

Some chemicals can sterilize objects