



SPORE TESTING

Ensuring Proper Sterilization of Instruments.

P *Always follow manufacturer's written instructions. Refer to policy

1. START HERE



CLEAN*

Soak, remove debris, rinse instruments & inspect (never sterilize dirty instrument)

2.

PACKAGE & LOAD

Write on the pouches: Operators initials date of sterilization load run identification information place pouches on its side (preferably on a rack) with space in between.

3.

STERILIZE

Instruments must be exposed to steam at the correct:

TIME TEMP PRESSURE



*Sterilizer parameters



5.3 **P**

Inspect & repair autoclave Repeat spore test a total of **3 TIMES** document results (*Refer to policy for continued failed spore tests)

5.2

Pass spore test?

Yes

Resterilize previously recalled instruments.

5.1

NON-PASSING SPORE TESTS:

- ☐ Remove autoclave from service
- ☐ Report to supervisor
- ☐ Recall all instruments
- ☐ Re-spore test
- ☐ Document results

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CHEMICAL QUALITY INDICATOR

(i.e. heat sensitive tape)

1. Correct processing:



Chemical indicators **change color** when processed correctly.

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2. Document results

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CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

- Follow daily, weekly & monthly cleaning per manufacturing guidelines
- Complete annual maintenance



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STORAGE

Protect packages & keep in designated pouch. Place newer pouches in back Resterilize pouches only when:

- opened
- wet/moist
- discolored/damaged

Routinely check status of packages (e.g. assign 1 person to keep track) Calendar routine checks

5.

SPORE TEST

Complete spore testing. Hold instruments until spore test results are received.

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