

# SPORE SPORE **TESTING**

**Ensuring Proper Sterilization** of Instruments.





**START HERE** 



#### **CLEAN\***

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



#### **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.



#### **STERILIZE**

Instruments must be exposed to steam at the correct:

#### **TEMP PRESSURE**







\*Sterilizer parameters

**5.3 0** 

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

5.1 Pass

Yes

Resterilize previously recalled instruments.

spore test?

#### **NON-PASSING SPORE TESTS:** ☐ Remove autoclave from service

- ☐ Report to supervisor
- ☐ Recall all instruments
- ☐ Re-spore test
- ☐ Document results





## 1. Correct processing: **■**



Chemical indicators change color when processed correctly.

**CHEMICAL QUALITY INDICATOR** 

2. Document results

(i.e. heat sensitive tape)

### **CLEANING & MAINTENANCE**

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



#### **STORAGE**

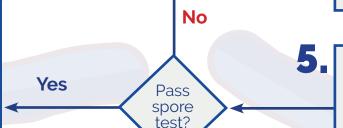
6.

\*No

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



#### **SPORE TEST**

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

**END HERE** 

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