

Appendix F: Physician Information Sheet: Sterilization and High Level Disinfection of Products

The sterilization and high level of products policy covers the cleaning and sterilization of instrumentation. The policy is broken down to define the decontamination, assembly and sterilization procedures. The policy also encompasses how sterile supplies should be stored and inspected prior to use.

- Follow manufacturers instructions for all cleaning, disinfection and sterilization of instrumentation
- Do not use flash sterilization for implantable items except in urgent situations where patient care requirements preclude other terminal sterilization methods.
- Implantable devices require that the biological indicator result be read prior to use of the implant. (flash 1 hour, terminal steam 3 hours).
- Prior to use of a sterile item inspect integrity of packaging to ensure packaging is not compromised
- For all items sterilized in the hospital, external and internal indications must be checked and verified to indicate an adequate sterilization process.