

Sterilization

1. Cleaned instruments will be packed individually in sterilized packs and sterilized in a medical grade autoclave. All sterilized packs will contain either a sterilized indicator or internal temperature indicator.
2. Prior to being placed in the autoclave all equipment will be bagged, labeled, initialed, dated and sealed. Packages will no longer be considered sterile six (6) months after the date of sterilization.
3. The autoclave bag must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and may hold no more than one individual item (e.g., one tube or needle bar). A piercing set may be bagged together.
4. The medical grade autoclave used is (make/model)_____. The medical grade autoclave will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected daily with the following solution_____. The autoclave manufacturer's instructions will be available at all times.
5. After sterilization, the packaged instruments will be stored in the following location: _____.
6. If a sterilized package has been breached or allowed to get wet, the instrument(s) must be re-packaged and sterilized again before use.
7. Spore indicators will be used every_____. The results will be kept for a minimum of two years at the following location:_____. The independent commercial testing laboratory_____ will run the spore test. Attached is the contract with the laboratory requiring the commercial testing facility to notify the Health Department of any failure of the autoclave to eradicate all living organisms, including spores.
8. Upon notification of a positive microbiological monitoring report, the Administrative body will notify the Health Department and will cease all tattoo and piercing operations. This establishment does/does not have another autoclave. _____ will be contacted to check for proper use and function. Three consecutive negative biological tests must be achieved before the establishment is reopened. The establishment shall have the option to obtain a properly functioning sterilizer with a negative biological report in order to remain open or if the facility has more than one autoclave in operation they may be given approval to remain open.