

Competency is defined as a skill/knowledge level necessary to achieve the intended outcome for the patient.

NAME: _____

DEPT/ UNIT: _____

COMPETENCY: Steris Diagnostics, Visual check, Documentation and Biological Testing

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MET	NOT MET
Utilizes Standard Precautions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wears gloves when handling biological 		
Identify when the diagnostic testing cycle is to be done <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • daily before the Steris will be used 		
Identify documentation on the Steris log sheet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print date and department name • Patient name (if using for case) • Circle Steris • write load time • Name of item • Check parameters Circle yes/no • write initial of person performing test • document Steris sterilizer number 		
Demonstrate and verbalize examination of sterilant (cup) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make sure it is not outdated • make sure not hard (gently squeeze to break up contents) • make sure nails do not pierce the cup • make sure color of cup is not yellow 		
Demonstrate biological testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • don gloves and obtain biological kit from the refrigerator • Open biological indicator and grasp with orange clip and place in tray • add the chemical strip to the same tray • place sterilant cup into machine, push gently until pierces bottom ; insert aspirator into the middle of the top of sterilant making sure there are no kinks in tubing • Run the cycle • check if cup is empty after cycle and the parameters were met (computer print out) • check monitoring strip if turns light blue • place run biological indicator (from Steris) into medium being careful not to contaminate; goes into incubator with documentation of date, Steris # and initials • place a fresh biological into medium (control); document date, initial and check control box 		
State how to document biological results in the Steris book <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • document date and Steris # • if + or - results were obtained 		
State action taken when parameters/biological/strips are abnormal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rerun test • notify Charge Nurse if still abnormal & place machine out of order 		

Evaluated and/or Action Plan initiated by: _____ Date: ♦ Shared areas are not applicable to the population served.

- ♦ An initialized cell designates competency
- ♦ An asterisk designates inability to demonstrate competency. Inability to demonstrate competency requires the completion of an action plan by the supervisor or preceptor including the time frame in which competency must be demonstrated.