(A) Policy Statement

All items used within a sterile field must be rendered sterile by use of an approved sterilization method.

(B) Purpose of Policy

Assure items used in a sterile field are properly sterilized.

(C) Procedure

1. All items to be sterilized are washed thoroughly and inspected before sterilizing.

2. Manufacturer recommendations for disassembly of instruments will be followed.

3. Sterilizers are tested daily by 11p-7a personnel according to policy #3364-124-14, titled Sterilization Monitoring.

4. All persons utilizing the sterilizers will receive training.

5. Procedures for proper use of sterilizers will be posted near each sterilizer.

6. Documentation of sterilization will be maintained in the OR.

It is the responsibility of the reader to verify with the responsible agent that this is the most current version of the policy.