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(A) Policy statement

The Sterile Processing department will reprocess and sterilize surgical instruments in accordance with the following standards:

- (1) ANSI/AAMI ST79:2017 A comprehensive guide to steam sterilization and sterility assurance in healthcare facilities.
- (2) ANSI/AAMI ST58:2013 Chemical sterilization and high-level disinfection in healthcare facilities.
- (3) ANSI/AAMI/ISO 15882:2008/(R) 2013 Sterilization of healthcare products- Chemical indicators- Guidance for the selection, use, and interpretation of results.

(B) Purpose of policy

To promote sterility assurance and to guide healthcare personnel in the proper use of processing equipment.

(C) Procedure

All sterile processing procedures are located in the Sterile Processing Procedure Manual.

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