


<b>Name of Policy:</b> <u>Reprocessing and sterilization of surgical instrumentation</u> <b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-139-1-02 <b>Department:</b> Sterile Processing <b>Approving Officer:</b> Chief Nursing Officer <b>Responsible Agent:</b> Operations Manager, Sterile Processing <b>Scope:</b> The University of Toledo Medical Center Sterile Processing Department, Operating Room and Dental Clinic	  Effective Date: August 1, 2023
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**(A) Policy Statement**

The Sterile Processing department, Operating Room and Dental Clinic will reprocess and sterilize surgical instruments in accordance with the following standards:

ANSI/AAMI ST79:2017 A comprehensive guide to steam sterilization and sterility assurance in healthcare facilities.

ANSI/AAMI ST58:2013 Chemical sterilization and high-level disinfection in healthcare facilities.

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.

<b>Approved by:</b>			<b>Review/Revision Date:</b>
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<b>Policies Superseded by This Policy:</b>			

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