

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO MEDICAL CENTER STERILE PROCESSING DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: 3 + 3 STERILIZER TEST AFTER MAINTENANCE

PROCEDURE NO: SP3-11

PROCEDURE STATEMENT

Sterile processing will aggressive test sterilizer efficacy after a sterilizer undergoes major mechanical repairs requiring complete shutdown of steam.

PURPOSE OF PROCEDURE

To assure the efficacy of steam sterilization in SPD and the O.R.

PROCEDURE

1. Upon release of a sterilizer by Biomedical Engineering after a major sterilizer repair, the SP/OR will perform three leak, Bowie Dick, and Biological tests in that order
2. The Biological tests will be read at 24 min.
3. If the sterilizer passes all tests, it may be released for use after the last biological reading.
4. If the sterilizer fails any of the tests, Biomedical Engineering will be immediately notified. The sterilizer will not be placed into services until it passes another complete set of tests.

References: AAMI ST79:2017

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