

71637 Autoclaves and Sterilizers

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Autoclaves and sterilizers shall be maintained in operating condition at all times.

(b)

Instructions for operating autoclaves and sterilizers shall be posted in the area where the autoclaves and sterilizers are located.

(c)

Written procedures shall be developed, maintained and available to personnel responsible for sterilization of supplies and equipment that include, but are not limited to the following: (1) Time, temperature and pressure for sterilizing the various bundles, packs, dressings, instruments, solutions, etc. (2) Cleaning, packaging, storing and issuance of supplies and equipment. (3) Dating and outdating of material sterilized. (4) Loading of the sterilizer. (5) Daily checking of recording and indicating thermometers and filing for one year of recording thermometer charts. (6) Monthly bacteriological test, the bacterial organism used and filing for one year of the test results. (7) Length of aeration time for materials gas sterilized.

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