

§ 76623. Space and Equipment for Autoclaving, Sterilizing and Disinfecting.

(a) Facilities shall maintain sterilized supplies by one of the following:

- (1) Disposable sterile supplies.
- (2) Contractual arrangements for outside sterilizing services.
- (3) Autoclave equipment and space for sterilizing goods on premises.

(b) Such autoclaving and sterilizing space shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Work space.
- (2) Sterilizing space.
- (3) Storage space for sterile supplies.
- (4) Storage space for unsterile supplies.
- (5) Equipment for cleanup and sterilization of dressings, utensils, supplies and solutions.
- (6) Effective separation of soiled and contaminated supplies from the clean and sterilized supplies and equipment.
- (7) Sterile supplies and equipment which shall be stored in clean cabinets.
- (8) An orderly system of rotation of supplies which shall be used so that supplies stored first shall be used first and shall be reautoclaved before outdating.

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

(d) Autoclaves shall be equipped with recording thermometers in addition to the standard mercury thermometers, except for portable sterilizers and autoclaves.

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

(f) Written procedures shall be developed, maintained and available to and implemented by 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 or other supplies.
- (2) Cleaning, packaging, storing and issuance of supplies and equipment.

(3) Dating and outdating of materials sterilized.

(4) Loading of the sterilizer.

(5) Checking of recording and indicating thermometers. Recording thermometer charts shall be on file for one year.

(6) Monthly bacteriological test, and bacterial mechanism used and filing for one year of the test results.

(7) Length of aeration time for materials gas-sterilized.

Note: Authority cited: Section 208 (a), Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 1276 and 15007, Health and Safety Code.

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