Do you quarantine load/instruments until BI results are available?

Use a Type 1 CI on the outside of every plastic/peel pouch or wrapped cassette. Use a Type 5 internal CI on the inside of every plastic/peel pouch or wrapped cassette. (If packaging does not allow for visual inspection of the internal CI strip, the inspection of a PCD containing a Type 5 or 6 strip may be used to justify the release of the load.)

Once the cycle is completed and has completely dried, check your physical and chemical parameters, and record results in your log book.

Have a recall protocol in place in the event of a failed biological spore test.

Plan to retrofit your sterilizer with a printer or USB, or purchase one that has either feature.

Insure there is a policy in place for recording physical parameters.

Run a Type 2 (Bowie Dick) indicator daily.

Yes

Do you have a pre-vacuum autoclave?

A BI contained within a PCD shall be used with a full load every day that the sterilizer is used and for each type of cycle. A Type 5 should also be placed inside this PCD. Instruments should be quarantined until the BI results are available.

Yes

Do you quarantine load/instruments until BI results are available?

Use a Type 1 CI on the outside of every plastic/peel pouch or wrapped cassette. Use a Type 4 internal CI on the inside of every plastic/peel pouch or wrapped cassette.

If spore test fails, take the sterilizer out of service and reprocess all quarantined instruments.

No

Yes

Run a Type 2 (Bowie Dick) indicator daily.

Yes

Does your sterilizer have a printer or USB?

Use a Type 1 CI on the outside of plastic/peel pouch or wrapped cassette. Use a Type 4 internal CI on the inside of plastic/peel pouch or wrapped cassette.

No

Does your sterilizer have a printer or USB?

No need to run a Type 2 indicator.