

SAMPLE

Use and Care of Autoclaves

PURPOSE: To ensure sterility of instruments and proper functioning of the autoclave.

POLICY: Autoclave will be cleaned and maintained properly.

PROCEDURE:

1. Autoclaves will be cleaned a minimum of once per month or more frequently based on manufacturer's recommendations.
2. The utilization and maintenance will be based on the specific manufacturer's recommendations: Refer to specific product instructions for utilization and cleaning of autoclave.
3. Autoclave is to be calibrated annually. Dated sticker to be applied.
4. Document the cleaning on the Autoclave Log. See attachments A or B.