

AUTOCLAVE TESTING PROCEDURE

- 1. Prepare the test for and kit to be sent out to all autoclave users. This is done twice a year.**
- 2. The autoclave test kits should be returned as soon as possible.**
- 3. When returned mark the ID # on the cap of each ampule with a permanent marker pen. The blank ampule should be marked as "BLANK".**
- 4. Check that the incubator to see that it has heated properly.**
- 5. Push down hard on the cap of each test ampule and the blank until a crush sound occurs. Then using a pair of pliers squeeze the side of the ampule over the white dot. A pop should be audible and the white dot should turn light blue.**
- 6. Place the ampule in the incubator along with the blank.**
- 7. Incubate the test ampule for a period of 24 hours.**

RESULTS

- 1. The blank ampule should turn yellow in color (not sterilized) while the test ampule should remain blue in color (sterilized). If a test ampule turns yellow, the autoclave is not sterilizing the sample. The user needs to be informed if this is the case.**
- 2. Place all ampules in the plastic bag next to the incubator for incineration.**
- 3. Complete the Autoclave Testing form, *i.e.*, Results, Recommendations, Date and Signature.**
- 4. File a copy Autoclave Report in the appropriate office file.**