



Please find enclosed pre-labeled Spore-O-Chex™ - Biological Indicator Strips as requested for use in our program.

- Storage:**
- Store unused strips in a cool, dry place
 - Avoid contact or storage near other chemicals or sterilants
- Expiry Date:**
- **Do not use the strips past the expiry date indicated**
- Procedure**
- Place the test strip within the pack of materials to be sterilized and **locate in the most difficult area to be sterilized**
 - Label this strip “TEST”
 - **Do not** open the blue envelope
 - Label an unsterilized strip “CONTROL”
 - Send both the test strip and control strip to the laboratory ASAP
- Completing the Requisition:**
- Complete the enclosed *Microbiology Infection Surveillance Requisition (7828M)* with Doctor’s name, address, “M” (or other identification) number, date and time of processing
 - Indicate spore strip and the method of sterilization on the requisition: steam, dry or ethylene oxide (gas); **this information is critical** for incubation of the strip in the laboratory
 - The sterilizing agent (steam, gas or dry heat) determines the incubation temperature for Spore-O-Chex™ - Biological Indicator Strip cultures. The correct incubation temperature must be used or test results will be meaningless, even though the control strip may show growth at incorrect temperatures.
- Control:**
- A control strip (unsterilized with same lot #) **MUST** be labeled “CONTROL” and submitted with each sterilized test strip for the test results to be valid

Technical Questions?

Call Calgary Microbiology at the Diagnostic and Scientific Centre (DSC) at 403-770-3278 or 1-800-661-3450

Direct Ordering requests?

Call Calgary Microbiology at the Diagnostic and Scientific Centre (DSC) Inventory at 403-770-3314