



Instructions for Use of Attests™ Biological Indicators

Please find enclosed pre-numbered ATTEST™ sterilization monitors as requested for use in our program.

- Storage:**
- Store unused ATTEST™ sterilization monitors at room temperature
 - Avoid contact or storage near other chemicals or sterilants

- Expiry Date:**
- The LOT in a box and the hourglass symbol represent lot number and expiration date. The hourglass is followed by a year and month that represent the expiration date (i.e. 2003-10). The entire line after the hourglass represents the lot number (i.e. 2003-10 AZ).
 - **Do not use the Attest™ past the expiry date indicated**

- For Steam Use:**
- 20 minute **Brown Attests™** 1262/1262P
 - For use in monitoring the 270°F/132°C vacuum assisted and 250°F/121°C gravity steam sterilization process
 - Organism: *Bacillus stearothermophilus* ATCC 7953

Resistance Data	Survives	Killed
Saturated steam		
270°F/121°C	5 minutes	15 minutes

- Procedure:**
- Place test vial in a fashion which is representative of the load being sterilized, and label it “TEST”
 - Label an unsterilized vial “CONTROL” and return both vials to the plastic container
 - Put the plastic container into the provided pre-addressed envelope and send to the laboratory ASAP
 - Refer to the appropriate instructions above for Brown Attests™

- 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 Attests™ on the requisition
 - Complete enclosed *Sterilizer Monitor Program MI6140* form

- Control:**
- A control vial (unsterilized with same lot #) **MUST** be labeled “CONTROL” and submitted with each test run 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