HOW TO USE CHEMICAL INDICATORS, BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS AND PROCESS CHALLENGE DEVICES TO MONITOR STERILIZATION

FIRST REPROCESSING CYCLE OF DAY

If using a pre-vacuum sterilizer a Bowie-Dick test must be done first, in an empty chamber.

PCD: package together a BI and Type 5 or 6 CI and place in worst-case chamber location (per manufacturer's instructions).

Each additional package contains an external Type 1 CI and an internal Type 4, 5, or 6 CI.

Sterilization cycle complete NO Physical parameters pass? YES NO Type 5 or 6 CI from PCD pass? YES May release early subject to BI results (except implants) NO BI pass? YES Recall all packages from suspect loads Recall all packages in Release packages dating back to load and reprocess in load the last BI, to the extent possible, and reprocess

SUBSEQUENT REPROCESSING CYCLES

PCD: Type 5 or 6 CI placed in worst-case chamber location (per manufacturer's instructions).

Each additional package contains an external Type 1 CI and an internal Type 4, 5 or 6 CI.



