



## STERILITY TESTING

### Synonym(s):

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<b>Lab Section Category</b>	<b>Bacteriology/Mycology/Parasitology - Bacteria</b> Click here to find out more about the <b>write-up (/Clinical-Departments-Centers/Pathology/Pathology-Handbook/Lab-Discipline-Special-Instructions/pages/bacteriology-mycology-parasitology.aspx)</b> .
<b>Specimen Required</b>	Commercial spore strip in a paper envelope for testing of hot air oven (using <i>Bacillus atrophaeus</i> ) or steam sterilization (using <i>Geobacillus stearothermophilus</i> ). Testing of other patient-use products is not recommended; consult microbiologist before sending.
<b>Method</b>	Culture
<b>Test Result</b>	Growth reported; No bacterial growth
<b>Turnaround Time</b>	7 days (preliminary result issued in 2 days)
<b>Day(s) Test Set up</b>	Monday - Friday

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