



Steriliser logbook

The aim of the Infection Control Standards is to assist general practices in ensuring the sterility of clinical equipment, the occupational health and safety of staff, and minimise the risk of cross infection in the practice environment.

The steriliser logbook is one method of achieving this by ensuring that every cycle is recorded, enabling the sterility of a particular item or load to be accessed, if necessary.

Information required

The RACGP Infection Control Standards 4th Edition require that the steriliser logbook record the following information for each cycle:

- The date of sterilisation cycle.
- The identification of the steriliser (if there is more than one steriliser).
- The load number.
- The name of the person who prepared the load.
- The contents of load.
- The results of the steriliser cycle (pass/fail):
 - For a manual system, record the temperature and time;
 - If you use printer, attach the printout cycle to the logbook and sign that it is correct;
 - For a data logger, sign that the data logger recording was viewed and is correct;
 - If a Class 4,5 or 6 indicator is used, record the result.
- Record the results of the Class 1 chemical indicator.
- Record the results of any other chemical indicators used (eg. biological or chemical).
- Note the condition of the sterilisation packs (ie. seals intact and dry).
- The signature of the person releasing or rejecting the load.
- For larger Practices, record the name of staff member involved in cleaning the items, packaging/wrapping and loading.
- Finally, record comments about any faults and corrective action taken for future reference.

GPA has developed a sterilisation logbook template based on the RACGP 4th Edition Infection Control Standards. Please see attached.