envelope information

- The RED ENVELOPES are used to submit spore tests run in your STEAM AUTOCLAVE or your CHEMICAL STERILIZER.
- The GRAY ENVELOPES are used to submit spore tests run in your DRY HEAT OVEN.
- The left flap is sealed and labeled CONTROL STRIP. The left pocket contains a spore strip that is not removed from the envelope and is not placed in the sterilizer.
- The right flap is open and labeled TEST STRIP.
- The test strips are found in the open right pocket of the envelope that is labeled TEST STRIP.

required information

- For each spore strip test to be processed, you must provide the following information on the envelope: test date, equipment number and operator name.
- Please circle the equipment number, even if you only have one sterilizer.
- Tests will not be processed without this information.

service expiration date

- A service expiration date is indicated on the back of each envelope. Your spore testing service is a one-year (14-month) subscription that expires on this date.
- No tests will be processed after this date.

IMPORTANT NOTES

ABOUT FAILURES . . .
Your office is notified via phone and fax in the event of a non-sterile reading.

ABOUT REPORTS . . .
A report that summarizes tests received and test results is sent to your office monthly.

ABOUT YOUR NEXT ORDER . . .
To prevent a lapse in testing, please re-order 1 week before using the last of these tests. An ORDER FORM is included in this packet.

testing instructions

step 1
- Remove one TEST STRIP from right pocket of one of the test envelopes.
- Do NOT remove the spore strip from the glassine envelope.

step 2
- Place the test strip in a bag, pouch or cassette in the middle of your sterilizer containing a normal load of instruments.
- Run the sterilizer.

step 3
- Remove the test strip from the sterilizer, take it out of the bag, pouch, or cassette and replace it in the pocket marked TEST STRIP.
- Close the self-adhesive envelope flap marked TEST STRIP.

step 4
- Fill in the required information test date and operator name (see below).
- If you have one piece of equipment, circle the number “1” next to the type of unit. Multiple units may then be identified as numbers 2, 3 etc.

step 5
- Affix postage and mail the same day.
- Be sure to include your return address on the envelope.