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Section: Sterility Testing Manual	Subject Title: Attest	
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ATTEST

I. Introduction

The Attest is a biological indicator used for optimum quality control of steam or gas sterilization. Ampule (green top) for gas sterilization contains *Bacillus subtilis*. Ampule (brown top) for steam sterilization contains *Bacillus stearothermophilus*.

II. Specimen Collection and Transport

The media-containing glass ampoule must be intact until activated in the lab. Damaged Attests will be rejected.

III. Procedure

The Attest must be activated by crushing the media-containing inner glass ampule.

1. With the ampule tilted slightly toward you, place the bottom of the ampule into the 3M Attest dry heating block.
2. Push the ampule straight back into an upright position. This activates the indicator.
3. Push the crushed ampule down to firmly seat it in the 3M heating block.
4. Incubate for 48 hours and read each ampule as follows:

	STEAM ATTEST	FLASH ATTEST	GAS ATTEST
Cap Colour	Brown	Blue	Green
Incubation Temp.	56 ⁰ C	56 ⁰ C	37 ⁰ C
Negative Colour	Purple	Purple	Green
Positive Colour	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow

IV. Reporting

All positive results, excluding control, must be phoned to ward / department and to Infection Control.

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Control

Negative Report: "Test spores: No growth" or
"Test spores: No growth
Control spores: GROWTH"

Positive Report: "Test spores: GROWTH" or
"Test spores: GROWTH
Control spores: GROWTH / No growth"