Autoclave Operation and Safety

BMS/EPI Specific Instructions for Getinge Pre-Vacuum Autoclaves:

- There are 3 ways in which to open/close the vertical glide door:
  - 1) Use the Blue handle to manually push/pull the door open /close;
  - 2) Press the ‘Open Door’ or ‘Close Door’ button on the right-side panel; and
  - 3) Use the blue foot pedal to open/close door in a hands-free fashion.

- Open chamber door and slide the transfer trolley into position, making certain to align the guides with chamber tracks. Lock the trolley in place and slide out the loading car.

- Place autoclave pan(s) containing items to be sterilized in the loading car, slide car back into chamber, unlock trolley from autoclave and close the door. **Do not place items directly on racks.**

- The LCD display screen has a screen saver function. Touching any key illuminates and reactivates the display. Below the screen are five soft keys (blue arrow button) to access other screens or displays.

- There are 18 pre-set cycles for your use - 6 Gravity, 6 Pre-Vacuum and 6 Liquid cycles.
  - Press the ‘Select Cycle’, which is the second button beneath the display screen.
  - Using the white Up-Down arrows, highlight the cycle to be run.
Press ‘Enter’ and ‘OK’ buttons in order to choose your cycle. The ‘OK’ is seen on display screen above the last button.

Press the ‘START’ to begin sterilization. Log Book must be filled out for each autoclave run.

- There are audible and visual signals at cycle completion. The printer provides a permanent record of cycle run and documents any malfunctions.

- To retrieve your items, use the manual or power controls to open the chamber door. Use the trolley to move the loading car out of the chamber. Remember to use heat-resistant gloves to protect you from hot metals and sterilized items.