



MEDICAL KRAFT PAPERS

ACTIVE LIFE GUIDELINES

MEETING MODERN HEALTHCARE DEMANDS

Billerud is a leading global supplier of high-quality medical kraft paper. Paper machines in Sweden and the United Kingdom are dedicated to medical paper production. Rigorous process and quality control ensures a consistent and reliable supply of the most advanced and versatile medical kraft papers.

GENERAL

The following information is given with regard to materials which are to be used for the packaging or wrapping of medical devices to be sterilised. The timescale stated below is based on historical experience and aging study and will be adversely affected by handling, processing, transportation and subsequent storage. As these factors are not under the control of the paper manufacturer, it is recommended that advice is obtained on the suitability of the materials for the required processing route. Sterility of the final pack can only be maintained if the materials have been stored under the recommended conditions and the final pack has been correctly sealed and sterilised.

ACTIVE LIFE

The protective requirements outlined in ISO 11607-1 will be maintained by Billerud Barrier Packaging Papers for a period known as the "Active Life". Active Life is the period between the manufacture of the material and the final point of use of the sterilised device or pack. The Active Life time scale of Billerud Barrier Packaging Papers is indicated as 5 years.

ADVICE

- Recommended storage conditions: 10-30 deg C and 30-60% RH
- Avoid storing near sources of heat or in direct sunlight
- Maintain storage in dry conditions
- Store in dust free environments
- Protect outer packaging from damage
- Rotate stock in order of manufacture date

