Steps of Wrapping Gloves for Steam Sterilization

Wrapping gloves before steam sterilization helps decrease the likelihood that they will become contaminated before use. To wrap gloves for steam sterilization, use paper, newsprint, or muslin or cotton fabric. Do not use canvas. Wrap gloves with a cuff so that they can be easily put on without contaminating them. Do not roll gloves into balls before sterilization (this makes it difficult for steam to reach all surfaces of the gloves, making sterilization ineffective).

**Step 1**
Place one pair of gloves in the center of the wrapper. The wrapper should be positioned so that the flat edges—not the points—are at the top, bottom, and sides.

**Step 2**
Fold the left section to the center.

**Step 3**
Fold the right section to the center.

**Step 4**
Fold the bottom section halfway to the center (one-quarter of the way up).

**Step 5**
Fold the top section halfway to the center (one-quarter of the way up).

**Step 6**
Fold the packet in half vertically, either from left to right or from right to left.

**Step 7**
Mark on the outside of the wrapper the end at which the gloves’ cuffs are positioned. (This will help ensure that the gloves will be in the correct position when the provider opens the pack to put them on.)