

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
CARDIO PULMONARY POLICY MANUAL
PERFORMANCE LIST OF ARTERIAL PUNCTURES**

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Purpose: To assure that properly trained, licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners are qualified to perform this procedure.

Procedure: Arterial blood gases will be performed by trained, licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners. All new employees are required to successfully perform 5 ABG punctures under the supervision from an already certified therapist before performing them unsupervised. A yearly competency is required to keep certification current. A current list of qualified personnel will be maintained in the respiratory department, in the ABG procedure book. The Respiratory Care Practitioner will be responsible to draw and analyze all ABG samples. Qualified laboratory technologists may also perform and analyze ABG samples.

All routine and morning ABG's will be done by the respiratory day shift between 6am and 9am.

Andre Sirgo	Maria Aquino	Patricia Bender	Eugene Benjamin
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