

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
CARDIO PULMONARY POLICY MANUAL
PERFORMANCE LIST OF ARTERIAL PUNCTURES (NEW EMPLOYEES)**

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

Procedure: Trained, licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners will perform Arterial Blood Gases. All new employees are required to successfully perform five ABG punctures under 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.