

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
CARDIO PULMONARY POLICY MANUAL
CRITICAL ARTERIAL BLOOD GASES**

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Purpose: A Critical ABG is always ordered STAT.

Procedure: A STAT order must be drawn within 10 minutes. Results must be reported within 20 minutes. If the results are critical, which has been established in our critical value policy, the therapist will follow that policy. (Section 4A, Policy 5). All normal ranges and critical values are posted in the ABG lab.