

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
DEPARTMENTAL POLICY MANUAL**

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

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SCOPE: Laboratory

PURPOSE: To ensure that clinicians who are performing any of the point of care tests have been initially in serviced at the time of hire and get re-certified six months later and yearly thereafter.

POLICY:

- ◆ A certified instructor may be the Laboratory POC Coordinator (Cris Hom), the Diabetes Clinical Specialist (Donna Kendrick , a unit coordinator, or a unit manager.
- ◆ Each operator will be appropriately in serviced to perform blood glucose testing on the Accucheck Inform, Activated clotting time on ACT meter, creatinine and GFR on IRMA TRUpoint meter, urine dipstick on Clinitek Status, urine pregnancy on Quidel kit, ruptured amniotic membrane on Amnisure kit, pH nitrazine on Amnioswab, and occult blood on Hemoccult card.
- ◆ Each operator must successfully complete a Knowledge Test and Skills Checklist to be certified to any of the point of care tests and an additional return demonstration.
- ◆ Each operator will be re-evaluated on yearly basis. The competency assessments will be through direct observation by running controls, and/or running blind samples (including but not limited to the proficiency samples) and completion of a quiz with a passing grade of 80%. Operators will also be assessed through Proficiency testing from CAP survey received throughout the year.
- ◆ For the six months re-certification (Accucheck, IRMA, Clinitek Status, and ACT), clinicians will be asked to run controls on each of these meters for direct observation.