

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
LABORATORY – POINT OF CARE POLICY MANUAL**

INFECTION CONTROL GUIDELINES

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SCOPE: Laboratory

PURPOSE: To prevent direct contamination and/or cross contamination using any of the point of care devices and for patient safety.

POLICIES:

- ◆ Because of the hazardous nature of handling blood products, it is recommended that disposable latex gloves be used when collecting specimens, performing test procedures, and cleaning all Point of Care devices in between patient tests.
- ◆ Gloves are to be removed and hands washed thoroughly with soap and water after completing the test procedure and prior to handling equipment not related to the procedure.
- ◆ Standard precautions should be observed on all specimens.
- ◆ Disposable single-use lancets, single use IStat dispense tips and disposable syringes will be utilized and dispose in sharps container.
- ◆ The Accu-Check Inform meters, Hemochron ACT meter, Clinitek Status tray and IStat should be cleaned and disinfect with the germicidal disposable wipes after each patient use.
- ◆ Clinitek Status tray will be cleaned at least once a day by rinsing in tap water and wiping it off completely dry.
- ◆ A separate Accucheck chemstrip vial will be left inside the isolation room.
- ◆ When a patient has diagnosed with a highly contagious disease (ie Ebola) only the IStat meter will be used. All other devices will be off limits.