

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER -  
SHREVEPORT

**PROVIDER PERFORMED TESTING (PPT) PROCEDURE GUIDELINES**

Purpose:

To provide guidelines that insures valid, reliable tests results when laboratory testing is performed outside the main Clinical Laboratory or designated Special Function Laboratory at the University Hospital.

Definitions:

**Provider Performed Testing (PPT) Procedure:**

Any laboratory type test performed outside the physical facilities of the laboratory that is not classified as a Point-of-Care Test. These tests are performed by physicians, physicians assistants and nurse practitioners to confirm a diagnosis and to monitor treatment.

**Test Approved As Provider Practice:**

- Urine Multistix
- Urine Ketostix
- Urine Ketodiastix
- Urine Albustix
- Fecal Occult Blood
- Gastric Occult Blood
- Qualitative Semen Analysis
- Gram Stain
- Gastric pH
- Urine Microscope
- Urine Hemastix
- Wet Prep
- Fern Test

**Test Requiring Point-of-Care Approval** – (Contact the Point-Of-Care Coordinator in the Clinical Laboratory for additional information).

- Strep A Screen
- Urine Pregnancy Test
- Clinitest (Fecal or Urine)
- Heliobacter Pylori
- I Stat
- Gastric Occult Blood
- Activated Clotting Time
- Bedside Glucose Testing
- Fecal Occult Blood
- Urine Dipsticks
- Gastric pH

Policy:

1. The Medical Director of the area shall be responsible for determining the PPT that will be performed. Medical Staff must request and have approved privileges to perform PPT testing through the medical staff credentialing/privileging process. This privilege will be designated as PPT on the E-Priv listing. Any additional training requirements will be at the discretion of the Medical Director(s) or their designee.
2. Testing will be performed using the procedures established by the Clinical Laboratory. All tests will be recorded in a log and will include the following items:
  - a. Patient Name
  - b. Patient medical record number
  - c. Quality control (when applicable)
  - d. Test result
  - e. Name or initials of person performing test
  - f. Date test performed

All records will be maintained in the clinic where the tests are performed.

3. Although testing supplies are available in some areas of the institution for physician practice, nursing personnel shall not perform testing with these supplies, but may be required to maintain inventory.
4. Nursing personnel may be required to assist the physician with sample collection but shall not perform testing without approval from the Point-Of-Care area of the Clinical Laboratory.
5. Medical students must adhere to the department's accepted physician practices, procedures and policies.



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Administrator

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