LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - SHREVEPORT

NON-POINT-OF-CARE TESTING PHYSICIAN PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Purpose:

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

Definitions:

Non-Point-of-Care Testing Physician Practice:

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 and nurse practitioners to confirm a diagnosis and to monitor treatment.

Test Approved As Physician Practice:

- Urine Multistix
- Fecal Occult
- Helicobacter Pylori (Clotest)
- Urine Ketostix
- Gastric Occult
- Gram Stain
- Urine Ketodiastix
- Gastric ph
- Urine Microscopic
- Urine Albustix
- Urine Hemastix
- Wet Prep

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

- Strep A Screen
- Activated Clotting Time
- Urine Pregnancy Test
- Bedside Glucose Testing
- Clinitest (Fecal or Urine)

Policy:

1. Each Department Medical Director is responsible for determining which physician practices will be utilized and notifying applicable staff.

2. Policies and procedures for physician practice are established by Department Medical Directors or their designee as deemed necessary.
3. Initial training requirements will be at the discretion of the Department Medical Director(s) or their designee. Training to perform a test is generally received during residency or orientation to the department. The Department Medical Director is responsible for insuring competency of staff that performs the testing.

4. Records, including documentation of competency, quality control, test logs and procedures, where deemed necessary by the Department Medical Director(s), are maintained in the department for JCAHO review.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Medical students must adhere to the department's accepted physician practices, procedures and policies.

Administrator

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