

## Upcoming CAP Inspection: HRO Validate and Verify – Glucose Meter Cleaning & Supply Checks

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Applicable to: All Point of Care Testing Personnel

### IMPORTANT

- The upcoming College of American Pathologists (CAP) inspection for all Point of Care testing locations is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>. Immediate attention and full compliance with all POC policies are required.
- Please note that our organization has previously received CAP citations related to blood contamination on glucose meters. This remains a critical compliance risk. All sites are expected to demonstrate strict adherence to cleaning and infection control practices without exception.

### HRO – VALIDATE AND VERIFY

- As discussed in recent leadership communications, our organization continues to emphasize High Reliability Organization (HRO) practices, with a focused use of the Validate and Verify tool to reduce risk and ensure safe, reliable patient care.
- With the upcoming College of American Pathologists (CAP) inspection - this memo serves as a reminder to intentionally validate and verify that glucose meters and associated supplies are maintained in accordance with regulatory and manufacturer requirements.

### ACTION NEEDED

Using HRO principles, please Validate and Verify the following:

- Point of Care Testing Equipment
  - POC equipment is visibly clean and free of blood, debris, and residue at all times.
  - Glucose meters are cleaned and disinfected after each patient use, without exception.
  - All POC testing equipment is cleaned according to the manufacturer's Instructions for Use (IFU), including approved disinfectants and required contact times.
- Glucose test strips and quality control (QC) materials are:
  - Within manufacturer expiration dates
  - Labeled with open dates
  - Appropriate for use at the time of testing
- No food or beverages are present in areas where POC instrumentation is stored or used, to prevent contamination and maintain a safe testing environment.

This is an opportunity for all testing personnel to pause, validate, and verify current practice, identify risks early, and prevent repeat deficiencies. Consistent use of HRO tools strengthens reliability, supports regulatory compliance, and most importantly, protects our patients.

Thank you for your continued partnership, attention to detail, and commitment to safe, high-quality Point of Care testing.

Please reach out to the POC Team ([path.glucose@osumc.edu](mailto:path.glucose@osumc.edu)) if you have questions or need clarification.

