

Point of Care Testing (POCT) FAQ

POCT Staff:

- Mary McGuigan- Point of Care Coordinator
- Elizabeth (Beth) Reader- Assistant Point of Care Testing Coordinator

How to Contact POCT:

- The POCT staff are available Monday-Friday from 7AM-4:30PM, the office is closed on weekends and holidays.
- POCT Phone # : 650-7198
- Mary's pager # : 9516
- Beth's pager # : 1917
- If an urgent POCT matter occurs on off-hours, contact the Chemistry Laboratory @ 5-2200.
- If a POCT matter that is not urgent occurs on off-hours, send an email to Mary K. McGuigan and/or Elizabeth I. Reader and they will follow up on the next business day.

How to bring in new POC Testing:

- If you wish to bring in a new POC Testing device, *whether it is already used in other units or not*, you first need to contact the POCT office for approval. To do this, send an email to Mary McGuigan to let her know what test you are looking to bring in.
- Failure to receive approval before purchasing a POC device will result in confiscation of the device.

Training/Competency

- General Orientation covers training for **only** the following tests:
 - Glucose meter, Urine Dipsticks, Fecal occult Blood Cards, Gastric Occult Blood cards, and pH Strips.
- If your unit does any additional POC tests, training needs to be completed within the unit by a trained operator. The training document can be found in PolicyTech (ID# 4903) and needs to be filled out for each test trained and sent to the Office of POCT. **The eLearning module does not fulfill the requirement for initial training. Initial training must be done hands-on.**
- After initial training, ongoing competency is done by completing the eLearning module in Halogen for each test you perform.
- Blood Gas training and POC nicotine testing must be set up through the office of POCT.
 - Email POCT staff, you will need to provide a copy of your high school or college diploma or transcript before training can take place.

- The POCT office maintains a list of staff in each department and which tests we have training documentation on. If you are unsure of you or your staff's status, this list can be forwarded to you.