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Point-of-Care Testing

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Introduction

Point-of-care testing (POCT) is laboratory testing which is performed at the patient bedside or near the site of patient care. POCT typically uses portable, hand-held instruments and kits. The POCT use small bench analyzers. This standard applies to the following point-of-care testing (POCT) only: hemoglobin, blood glucose, urinalysis, pregnancy testing (urine), semen examination for the presence of sperm and occult blood (stool). Portable point of care laboratory testing systems used for blood chemistry (electrolytes) analysis, coagulation testing, blood gas testing and hormone level testing requires review and accreditation with the Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP).

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