

Subject: Bedside Testing for Occult Blood and Urine Dipstick Testing

Effective Date: June 30, 2009

Explanation of Change:

During our recent Joint Commission Self-inspection for Point of Care waived testing, we identified a number of issues related to quality control and competency documentation that needed to be addressed. The level of documentation needed for these tests to be performed at the bedside suggested that moving this testing to the laboratory would be in the best interest of the patient and hospital.

As of June 30th, all urine dipstick testing and screens for occult blood (gastric and stool) will be performed in the laboratory.

- ◆ Providers can order the tests in Soarian as a nurse collect and submit the sample for testing. Results will be entered in SoftLab and are viewable in Soarian.
- ◆ The laboratory will be responsible for ordering and storing all testing reagents. Stores will NOT supply the nursing units with testing reagents.

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<i>Test ID Test Name</i>	
Effective Date:	June 30, 2009
Alternate Test Names:	
Container Type:	Urine and gastric sample containers
Additional Information:	
Testing Frequency:	24/7
Routine turn around time:	Within 60 minutes
Stat turn around time:	10 min for occult blood testing, 20 minutes for urinalysis testing
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