

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
LABORATORY POLICY MANUAL
SURGICUTT JUNIOR BLEEDING TIME PROCEDURE**

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PRINCIPLE: To define the instrument and procedure used to obtain pediatric bleeding time.

Surgicutt Jr. is designed for pediatric patients between 5 months and 15 years of age. (At HCH we do not perform bleeding times in children under 4years). The blade makes an incision 3.5mm in length by 1.0mm in depth.

Surgicutt Jr. is colored differently than the Surgicutt for adults. It has a lavender body with a plum trigger, whereas the adult has a white body with a goldish trigger.

CAUTION – Regarding Scarring

The Surgicutt allows for minimal or no scarring. Scarring may be reduced by using non-allergenic wound closure strips for 24 hours. If there is ooze from the incision, use a pressure type dressing along with the closure strips.

1. Obtain the following materials for the test begins:
 - 1) Alcohol swab
 - 2) Blood pressure cuff
 - 3) Stop watch
 - 4) Surgicutt Bleeding time blotting paper
 - 5) Wound closure strips

2. Have the patient place arm on a steady surface.

3. Place the blood pressure cuff on the upper arm and inflate to 40 mm hg. Time is important; the cut should be made 30 seconds after the cuff is inflated.

4. Swab the proper area with the alcohol. The proper area being the lateral molar surface of the forearm parallel to the anticubital crease. Be sure not to hit a visible vein.

5. Remove the Surgicutt Jr. device from the pack. It is sterile so be careful not to contaminate the instrument.

6. Remove safety clips.

7. Hold Surgicutt between thumb and middle finger.

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8. Rest the Surgicutt device on patient's arm.
9. Push the trigger and stop watch simultaneously.
10. Remove the device.
11. After 30 seconds, wick the flow of blood with the filter paper. Bring the filter paper close to the incision, but do not touch the incision directly.
12. Wick the blood every 30 seconds, until the blood stops or the cut off time is reached. The cut off time being 15 minutes.
13. Remove the blood pressure cuff and cover incision with closure.
14. Be sure to dispose of the device in the small red SHARPS on the phlebotomy tray or the wall mounted SHARPS in the patient's room.

Range for children using the Surgicutt Jr. device 1.30 – 8.99 minutes.

Reference: Package insert Surgicutt 5/2009