

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
LABORATORY – POINT OF CARE POLICY MANUAL**

New Reagents Acceptability for Accucheck Inform

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SCOPE: Laboratory

PURPOSE: To ensure that the quality control ranges and patients' results are similar to those from the previous lot.

DEFINITIONS:

1. SOP – Standard of Operating Procedure
2. QC – Quality Control
3. POC – Point of Care

POLICY: The new lot of test strips and controls will not be dispensed until the procedures below are completed.

PROCEDURES:

1. When the new lot for the test strips and controls come in, the linearity studies must be done on the meters. Follow SOP under linearity testing.
2. Run the old controls with the new test strips as well as with old test strips on the meters following SOP under QC testing.
3. Run the new controls with the new test strips as well as with old test strips on the meters following SOP under QC testing.
4. Minimum of 15 days data are required to establish the calculated ranges. Results of the new controls should be within the range of the old controls.
5. The POC designee will review the new calculated ranges and check if they're within the old target ranges.
6. If these new calculated ranges are acceptable, new reagents can be dispensed to the floor.
7. POC designee will print out the L-J graphs of the old and new reagents to file in the binder under Lot to Lot for faster and easy access records.