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POINT OF CARE TESTING POLICY

It is the policy that in compliance with applicable State and Federal regulations as well as guidelines from Accrediting Agencies, all point of care/alternate site laboratory testing will be performed under the direction, authority, jurisdiction and control of the Director of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Services or his designee. Functions include training, quality control, proficiency testing, maintenance, patient reporting, equipment selection and approval as well as compliance.

Request for alternate site testing must be submitted in writing to include the justification and needs assessment for consideration. If such request is deemed justified by the Director and appropriate preparation and training have been completed, appropriate application for exemption by the State Board will be requested by the laboratory.

Testing will only occur upon an appropriate written order from a licensed physician. Any area not meeting the requirements for competency, training, quality assurance and proficiency will have their testing privilege revoked by the laboratory. All alternate testing sites will be subject to survey by Inspection and Accrediting Agency or State Laboratory Surveyors.