INTRODUCTION: Point of Care Testing (POCT) is laboratory testing performed outside of the central laboratory, in the presence of the patient at the bedside and/or near the patient.

PURPOSE: In accordance with Hospital and Laboratory Accrediting Agencies and Federal and State regulation, all laboratories testing within a Medical Center environment must be performed und CLIA certification under the general direction of the Director of Laboratory Medicine or his designee (HUP Policy 1-12-54).

SCOPE: CHPS staff and Clinical Trial Study Teams

PROCEDURE:

1. CHPS follows hospital policy regarding POCT: 
   - Laboratory Point of Care Testing: 1-12-54.

2. POC Urine Pregnancy Tests:
   a. CHPS orders Sure-Vue Urine hCG Urinary Pregnancy tests from Fisher Scientific.
   b. The SureVue hCG DAILY Quality Control (QC) and SureVue hCG Weekly Liquid QC are ordered through Lawson by our Presbyterian CHPS staff and maintained in our medication rooms.
   c. HUP Pathology and Laboratory Medicine maintains the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate of Accreditation for urine pregnancy testing.

3. POC Glucometer Testing: Accu-Chek Inform II: HUP Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Division of Laboratory Medicine, Section: B Part 1A

4. POC Urinalysis-Chemstrip Procedure; HUP Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Division of Laboratory Medicine, Policy Doc Control # HUPPOC 018

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