

ACMC OSOM Strep A Test
Physician Checklist

_____ Initial Training
_____ Annual Competency

Understands and displays knowledge of:

- _____ **A. Procedure**
1. Follow proper procedure for patient identification and specimen labeling as required by **JCAHO**.
 2. Testing procedure
 - a. Add 3 drops of Reagent 1 and 3 drops of Reagent 2 to extraction tube. The solution should turn yellow.
 - b. Add specimen swab immediately and vigorously mix the solution by rotating the swab forcefully against the side of the tube at least ten times.
 - c. **Let stand one minute.**
 - d. **Express as much liquid as possible from swab** by squeezing the sides of the tube as the swab is withdrawn. (Not squeezing enough liquid out of the swab can cause an invalid test.)
 - e. Place absorbent end of the test stick into the liquid.
 - f. Background should clear and red control line should appear.
 - g. **Read test result at 5 minutes per manufacturer.**
 3. Document results
 - a. Date, time, and initials of person performing test on log
 - b. Internal quality control results
 - c. Patient test result (including electronic record if applicable)
- _____ **B. Quality Control**
1. Internal controls
 - a. Color change from pink to light yellow when Reagent 2 is added to Reagent 1
 - b. Red control line
 - c. Clear background
 2. External controls
 - a. A positive and negative control must be tested at a minimum with each new lot number, each new shipment, and with each newly trained operator.
 - b. Document results and any necessary corrective action for internal or external quality control failures.
- _____ **C. Infection Control**
1. Use of gloves when handling samples and controls.
 2. Proper disposal of all biohazardous supplies and materials.

I have been trained and am competent at performing the above tasks:

Physician Name _____ Date _____
(please print)

Physician Signature _____

Instructor signature _____ Date _____