

PoCT Clinical Operators

Below is an outline of the roles and responsibilities of staff (e.g. nurse or doctor) using a POCT supported device to conduct testing:

- Ensure that their individual training is completed and competency status maintained
- Undertake targeted retraining where further training is identified
- Ensure that the confidentiality of their individual user name and password is maintained and not shared with other staff members
- Ensure positive patient identification before analysis is commenced wherever possible
- Keep the device and workstation clean and tidy after use
- Ensure safe work practices documented in the procedure for using the device are adhered to
- Ensure their individual actions or lack of do not create a risk, or increase an existing risk, to themselves or other persons
- Report all hazards and incidents to their ED supervisor and Health and Safety Representative
- Report any issues immediately to the site/clinical unit's key POCT resource person
- Participate in ongoing activities associated with the POCT system
- Audit and monitor inventory of reagents and stock and regularly liaise with POCT Hub Coordinator to ensure optimal stock management
- Ensure that stock received is fit for use and escalate deficiencies to the Hub POCT Coordinator
- Check that all device maintenance is performed according to schedules and that scheduled QC is maintained
- Comply with clinical pathways where POCT is included