**POCT Link Trainer Guide – SureStep pregnancy test training**

This document summarises the key points which should be covered by link trainers during training of **pregnancy testing** using the **SureStep pregnancy test.**

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| **Purpose** SureStep™ Urine Drug Test Cassette | Abbott Toxicology  | * Human chorionic gonadotrophin (hCG) is a glycoprotein hormone, which is produced by the developing placenta shortly after conception.
* The SureStep test is a qualitative immunoassay, which detects the intact hCG molecule in urine.
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| Urine | Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust**Sample requirements** | * The urine sample must be collected into a clean dry plastic or glass container without preservatives. Label with the patient’s details.
* Specimens collected at any time of day may be used, but the first urine sample of the day usually contains the highest concentration of hCG.
* If the test is not to be done immediately the sample should be labelled with the patient’s full name, DOB and NHS number and stored at 2-8˚C for up to 48 hours.
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| **EQA** | * EQA samples should be tested on receipt, and the results returned to POCT on the form provided ASAP.
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| Image result for WEAR GLOVES**Patient / sample preparation** | * Gain positive patient identification and (when possible) consent.
* Wear the appropriate PPE.
* Collect a fresh urine sample in a clean container labelled with patient details.
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| **Analysis** | * Check the test expiry date.
* Fill in the audit sheet.
* Ensure the patient sample is at room temperature.
* Remove the pregnancy test strip and dropper from the foil wrapper and place on a flat surface. Label the strip with the patient’s name/NHS number.
* Using the dropper provided dispense three full drops of urine into the round sample well.
* After 3-4 minutes, read the result. **DO NOT** interpret the results after the 4-minute appropriate read time has passed.
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| **Results** | * Pregnancy (hCG) Rapid Test Cassette(Urine) JusChek Women Health Rapid Test  Kuala Lumpur (KL), Malaysia, Selangor Supplier, Suppliers, Supply, Supplies  | Setia Scientific SolutionTo interpret the results please ensure that you are in good light.
* All results (including invalid results) must be recorded in the patients’ notes and on the audit sheet. Failure to do so will result in the test kits being withdrawn.
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| **After testing** | * Dispose of test strips following waste management guidance.
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| **Stock**  | * Tests are supplied by POCT when a filled audit sheet is returned and tests are requested.
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| Make a Phone Call**Analyser issues** | * Contact POCT:
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