**POCT Link Trainer Guide – Glucose Perfoma training**

This document summarises the key points which should be covered by link trainers during training of **POCT glucose testing** using the **Roche AccuChek Performa.**

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| Roche Accu-Chek Performa - Medaval**Purpose**  | * The glucose meter is utilized to measure glucose levels in blood samples.
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| **Before using the meter** | * Check the meter is showing the correct time and date (including year).
* Analyse both levels of QC (once the result is on screen press the > button to highlight level 1 or 2, then press the on/off button. This will commit the results to the meters memory).
* Document QC results in the logbook.
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| **Quality Control / EQA** | * + Two levels of QC must be analysed everyday the meter is used, if patient results given by the meter are unexpected or the meter has been dropped/damaged.
	+ If a QC fails, try the following:
1. Gently invert the liquid QC and ensure the correct level is being used.
2. If that fails, try new QC liquids.
3. If that fails, try a new pot of strips.
4. If all the above fail, please contact the POCT team.
* 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** | * A fresh capillary or venous sample is required.
* Gain positive patient identification and (when possible) consent.
* Wear the appropriate PPE.
* **Wash and** **dry** the patient’s hand thoroughly using warm water / soap warm water, **NOT** alcohol wipes/gel.
* Lance the finger on the side of the pad, no lower than the nail bed, then gently massage along the finger to obtain a blood drop. **Do not** squeeze the finger.
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| **Analysis** | * Ensure the code number shown on chip insertion matches code on the strip pot.
* Measuring range = 0.6-33.3 mmol/L.
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| **Results** | * Results are displayed on the screen after analysis has been completed.
* Record the results in the patient notes.
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| **After testing** | * Dispose of test strips and lancets following waste management guidance.
* The analyser can be cleaned with Clinell wipes after each use.
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| **Stock** | * Test strips and QC liquids are ordered from pharmacy.
* Replacement batteries and logbooks should be obtained from POCT via your Hub Admin Teams.
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| Make a Phone Call**Analyser issues** | * Contact POCT:
* York (772)5890
* Scarborough (771)2659
* Bridlington (771) 3321
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**\* DO NOT SHARE YOUR OPERATOR ID WITH ANYONE \***

**\* IT IS A DISCIPLINARY OFFENCE \***