**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. |
| **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. |
| **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**. |
| 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. |
| **Analysis** | * Ensure the code number shown on chip insertion matches code on the strip pot. * Measuring range = 0.6-33.3 mmol/L. |
| **Results** | * Results are displayed on the screen after analysis has been completed. * Record the results in the patient notes. |
| **After testing** | * Dispose of test strips and lancets following waste management guidance. * The analyser can be cleaned with Clinell wipes after each use. |
| **Stock** | * Test strips and QC liquids are ordered from pharmacy. * Replacement batteries and logbooks should be obtained from POCT via your Hub Admin Teams. |
| Make a Phone Call**Analyser issues** | * Contact POCT: * York (772)5890 * Scarborough (771)2659 * Bridlington (771) 3321 |

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