

## Do You Perform Point of Care Testing?



**If you perform any of the above tests – yes you do!**

**But are you aware of your responsibilities...?**

## **Point of Care Testing (PoCT):**

### **The generation of any result in a clinical setting by non- laboratory staff.**

- Only staff that have received formal training and had their competency assessed may use a PoCT device
- Follow standard operating procedures to generate the result and remember to follow the health and safety policy
- Ensure the device is working correctly and had all relevant maintenance carried out
- Run quality control samples before patient use
- Results should be reviewed immediately with reference to clinical history. Results produced are your responsibility. Do not share password/barcodes
- Results that do not fit the clinical history should be repeated or a sample sent to the laboratory
- Record each and every result you generate, use templates where possible. It is Trust policy to include:
  - Result
  - Date & Time
  - Device used (inc. location)
  - Strip/Cartridge number where appropriate
  - Operator ID
- Report any equipment faults to your ward manager/link trainer or via Datix under the PoCT section
- For more information go to [www.ruh.nhs.uk/pathology/poct](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/pathology/poct)
- x4712 for glucose, blood gas and pregnancy testing enquiries
- x4728 for hemocue and coaguchek enquiries
- x4740 for urinalysis meter enquiries