

Title: Laboratory Physician Performed Testing

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INTENT/PURPOSE:

The intent of this policy is to provide guidance in the laboratory testing performed by physicians at SJRCM and to define the policy for physician authorization to perform testing.

POLICY:

1. Physician Performed Testing (PPT) is defined by the College of American Pathologists as testing that is personally performed by a physician in conjunction with the physical examination or treatment of a patient. Patient management is facilitated by immediate and direct physician performance of certain laboratory tests at the time of a patient encounter. PPT testing at SJRCM is limited to “waived” tests under CLIA-88 (occult blood in feces, urine dipstick and Nitrazine pH of vaginal secretions) and the following Physician Performed Microscopy (PPM) procedures; vaginal secretions smears for ferning, vaginal wet prep microscopy and urine sediment microscopy. Appropriate procedures approved by the Laboratory Director are located online in the hospitals’ intranet. Proficiency assessment for this testing is monitored by the Laboratory Director through random College of American Pathologist (CAP) proficiency testing challenges or through internal laboratory comparisons at least one time a year. Testing performance will be maintained in the lab and shared as necessary.
2. At SJRCM the Medical Executive Committee has deemed by virtue of their education and experience, licensed physicians with privileges in Obstetrics/Gynecology, Family Medicine, Midwifery and ED (waived testing only) with SJRCM privileges are allowed to perform the above laboratory testing.
3. Privileges for these tests are included in the above identified privilege forms. (to be distributed upon initial and reappointment)

References/Standards:

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