

# ASC Quality Collaboration

## Point of Care Devices: What CMS Surveyors Are Looking For

CMS surveyors use a worksheet to assess infection control practices during ASC surveys. The section of the worksheet used to assess practices surrounding the use of point of care devices (such as glucometers) is reproduced below. **Because this the SAME TOOL a CMS surveyor will use to assess practices associated with the use of point of care devices, it is also a useful SELF-ASSESSMENT tool for an ASC.**

**Unless otherwise indicated, a “No” response to any question below will be cited as a deficient practice.**

### V. Point of Care Devices (e.g., blood glucose meter)

Observations are to be made of staff *performing* fingerstick testing (e.g., nurses)

If *unable to observe* or N/A is selected, please clarify in the *surveyor notes* box why it was not observed or applicable *and attempt to assess by means of interview or documentation review.*

**Unless otherwise indicated, a “No” response to any question below *must* be cited as a deficient practice in relation to 42 CFR 416.51(a).**

Practices to be Assessed	Was Practice Performed?	Surveyor Notes
1. Does the ASC <i>use</i> a point-of-care <i>testing</i> device, such as a blood glucose meter? <b>If NO, STOP HERE.</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
A. <i>Hand hygiene is performed before and after performing a finger stick procedure to obtain a sample of blood and using the point-of-care testing device.</i>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
B. <i>Gloves are worn by health care personnel when performing a finger stick procedure to obtain a sample of blood, and are removed after the procedure (followed by hand hygiene).</i>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
C. <i>Finger stick devices are not used for more than one patient.</i>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> <i>Unable to observe</i>	
<i>NOTE: This includes both the lancet and the lancet holding device.</i>		

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*D. If used for more than one patient, the point-of-care testing device (e.g., blood glucose meter, INR monitor) is cleaned and disinfected after every use according to the manufacturer's instructions.*

Yes  
 No  
 N/A

*NOTE: if the manufacturer does not provide instructions for cleaning and disinfection, then the device should not be used for >1 patient.*

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