

Procedure: Physician Performed Microscopy Procedures (PPMP)

Purpose

Physician Performed Microscopy is a subcategory of the Moderate Complexity CLIA category. A proper certificate, Certificate for PPM, is required in order to provide microscopy at a Point of Care location. In addition, in the State of New Jersey clinical laboratory licensure is required. To ensure that all Provider Performed Microscopy Procedures (PPMP's) are performed properly within the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and in accordance with Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (42 CFR part 493) based on the CLIA Statute, Public Law 100-578, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and the University Diagnostic Laboratories have established a policy regarding PPMP.

Scope

The Code of Federal Regulations (42 CFR) requires that a site performing physician performed microscopy must hold a current CLIA Certificate for PPMP. A Certificate of Registration does not grant extension of coverage to a physician group practice. The UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School has delegated the authority to approve and monitor performance of all PPMP's within the enterprise to the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

Regulatory Compliance

The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment of 1988 (CLIA '88) requires all sites performing laboratory testing to:

1. Obtain the appropriate CLIA certificate of registration/accreditation
2. Submit to inspections conducted by an HCFA approved accrediting agency; and
3. To maintain a valid certificate of accreditation.

The New Jersey Department of Health requires all clinical sites in which three or more physicians practice and in which laboratory testing is performed to obtain a clinical laboratory license.

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine acts on behalf of the UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School to obtain appropriate state licensure and CLIA registration.

Guidelines

Performance of PPM is limited to procedures and methods listed below:

- Wet Prep
- KOH Prep
- Urine Sediment
- Fecal Leukocytes
- Fern Test
- Pinworm Prep
- Post-coital Exam
- Nasal Smear (Eosinophil screen)

Competency

Within a given practice, faculty will declare which PPMPs they are competent in performing. A document outlining such information will be submitted to UDL Central Administration along with a request to permit testing. Each faculty member will be registered for twice annual competency assessment specific to the PPMP which they perform. Competency Assessment will be administered online using the University of Washington Department of Laboratory Medicine's Competency Assessment program <http://www.medtraining.org/ppmp/>.

Proficiency Testing:

Proficiency testing will require identification of graphic computer images. Tests will consist of a set of unknown PowerPoint® slides and will be made available through the UDL Web site. Two to three times per year, healthcare providers will be notified via e-mail with specific instructions on accessing the test and deadline for completing it. Results will be returned to the providers when the accrediting agency provides summary results.

Grading/Remediation:

Successful completion of competency assessment and proficiency testing challenges is required. For each set of test questions, providers are permitted one incorrect answer (ie, with 5 samples, minimum passing score is 80%; with 3 samples, minimum passing score is 66%).

- Providers scoring less than the minimum passing score will, on the first occurrence, be encouraged to review the subject material. Providers may select educational materials of their choosing, or use the Lab Training Library which is available on CD-ROM through the POCT program.
- Providers scoring less than the minimum passing score on two consecutive challenges will be required to provide evidence that they have successfully completed remediation by submitting a post-training test from the educational materials that they used.
- If a provider's scores are significantly or consistently below passing, or the UMG POCT program may require specific remediation activities, which may include specific printed materials and/or in-person training sessions conducted at RWJMS.

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