Policy

Quality control for Fetal Fibronectin is done using one Positive Control and one Negative Control each day of patient testing; each time a new lot or a new shipment of Rapid fFN cassette is received, or whenever there is uncertainty about Rapid fFN cassettes. Run the *TLi*IQCette before running any patient sample.

Workplace Safety

All laboratory employees are expected to maintain a safe working environment and an injury-free workplace. Laboratory employees are responsible for their own safety, and the safety of others and adhering to all departmental and medical center safety policies and procedures.

- For standard precautions and safety practices in the laboratory; see LGM 8000, specifically, but not limited to, equipment safety, proper body mechanics, sharps exposure and proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- For Universal Body Substance precautions, see LGM 8005, specifically, but not limited to, exposure to body fluids.
- For proper handwashing, see LGM 8010, specifically, not limited to, proper handwqashing.
- For proper infection control, see LGM 8004, specifically, but not limited to, proper use of gloves.
- For proper handling of regular and infectious waste, see LGM 8006, specifically, but not limited to, proper disposal of regular and biohazardous waste.
- For proper cleaning of work area, see LGM 8007 Cleaning Work Areas.
- For proper handling of chemicals and reagents, see the Chemical Hygiene Plan.
- For proper storage and disposal of chemical hazardous waste, see LGM 8012.

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Reagents And Materials Rapid fFN Control kit contains: One Rapid fFN positive control One Rapid fFN negative control

One directional insert

Liquid negative and positive controls

TLiIQ QCette stored at room temperature

One *TLi*IQ QCette One directional insert

200 µl pipette Pipet tips Printer

Procedure

Analyzer quality control procedure

Step	Action				
1.	From the main menu, press 3 to select Daily QC				
2.	Enter User ID and press enter				
3.	Enter the QCette SN (serial number located on green QCette), and press enter. If QCette SN is already present, press enter to confirm				
4.	Remove the QCette (gree) from the black case and insert the QCette and press enter. The analyzer will perform daily qc for 3-4 minutes, when complete, the result will be displayed on the analyzer screen and the printed label as SYSTEM PASS. Repeat a FAIL or INVALID result				
5.	Place the label in laboratory Fibronectin log				
6.	Press ESC to return to the main menu				

Procedure

Running positive and negative control using Internal Incubation mode

Step Action				
1.	Note: The liquid positive and negative controls are to be processed each time a new shipment or lot number of fFN cassettes are to be used for testing purposes			
	Remove the fFN negative control and positive control vials from the control kit box. When first opened, write the date opened, your			
	initials, and date of expiration (12 weeks from the date first used or the expiration date on outside of the control kit, or whichever comes first)			
2.	Shake control vials for a few seconds			
3.	Place in plastic biohazard bag and seal to prevent compromising controls			
4.	Allow control vials to come to room temperature before testing			
5.	After controls have to room temperature go to main menu			
6.	Press ↑ or ↓ key to the third screen			
7.	Select or press 8 Liquid Controls			
8.	Enter user ID (your 3 initials) and press enter			
9.	Enter the last two numbers of the Hologic cassette lot number, and press enter			
10.	Select or press 1 Negative control			
11.	Enter the negative control lot number and press enter			
12.	The analyzer will then prompt you to insert the cassette and press enter			
13.	Remove the cassette from the foil pouch and insert the cassette and press enter			
14.	The instrument will display while beeping "Add sample and immediately press enter"			

Procedure

Running positive and negative control using Internal Incubation mode

Step	Action		
15.	Add 200 microliter of prepared negative sample well and press enter. The analysis a 20 minute timer which will allow the take place. After the 20 minute internativill analyze the Rapid fFN cassette for	yzer will automatically start immunoassay reaction to al incubation the analyzer	
16.	Set a timer for 25 minutes so as to kno finished and when to perform the posit results will be displayed and printed in the fFN negative control will be displayed as PASS or FAIL. The analyzer result	w the negative control is ive control. Walk away, 24 minutes. The result for used on the analyzer display	
17.	Place the negative control sticker on th	e daily fFN log sheet	
	Expected Results		
	Negative Control Result: Pass	Positive Control Result: Pass	
18.	Press EXC to return to the main menu		
19.	Repeat steps 3 through 17 for the positive control		
20.	Place you positive and control printout/tapes on the sheet provided		

Controlled Documents

The controlled documents are as follows:

Document No.	Name of Documents Rapid fFN for the Hologic Sample Processing		
LCM 268			
LCM 425	Rapid fFN for the Hologic Maintenance		
LCM 426	Rapid fFN for the Hologic Calibration		
LGM 8000	Safety Practices		
LGM 8004	Infection Control		
LGM 8005	Universal Body Substance Precautions		
LGM 8006	Handling of Regular and Infectious Waste		
LGM 8007	Cleaning Work Areas		
LGM 8010	Handwashing Policy		
LGM 8012	Storage and disposal of Chemical Hazardous Waste		

Non Controlled Documents The Non Controlled Documents are as follows

Document No.	Name of Documents	
	User Manual	