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HOW TO CHECK PATIENT'S RESTROOM ALARM

Purpose To define the procedure in checking patient restroom alarm in the Clinical Laboratory.

Policy On a monthly basis, the Clinical Laboratory must test patient alarm systems to ensure that all patient clinical alarms are activated with appropriate settings and are sufficiently audible in an emergency situation.

Procedure The table below describes the steps to take in checking patient restroom alarms.

Step	Action								
1	Pull the string for the patient alarm located in the patient restroom.								
2	Go back to the reception area and check for audible alarm and a visual alarm (blinking light). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual alarm - blinking light • Audible alarm - must be audible enough to be heard in a typical laboratory activity. 								
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4	To reset the alarm, press the reset button, located above the alarm switch in the patient restroom.								
5	Record monthly test as acceptable or not acceptable on the form - Patient's Restrooms Clinical Alarm Monthly Monitor.								

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- LAMC-FORM-0018 - Patient's Restroom Clinical Alarm Monthly Monitor

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PATIENT'S RESTROOM CLINICAL ALARM MONTHLY MONITOR

Monthly Testing of Alarm System **Ensure that alarms are activated with appropriate settings and are sufficiently audible.**

Laboratory Location: _____

Month/Year	Date	Staff	Acceptable/Not Acceptable	Supv. Review