

	<b>Refrigerator Temperature Verification</b>  <b>OP-306-11</b>	<b>Dept:</b>	<b>Outpatient Phlebotomy 324306</b>
		<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>February, 2011</b>
		<b>Revised Date:</b>	<b>February, 2019</b>
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<b>Signature:</b>			

**1) General Procedure Statement:**

- a. **Purpose:** In order to comply with safety and infection control standards the laboratory will check refrigerator temperatures daily.
- b. Laboratory refrigerators have the temperature verified each work day to assure that the contents are consistently maintained between 2-8° C
- c. **Responsible Department/Scope:**
  - 1.Procedure owner/Implementer: Outpatient Phlebotomy
  - 2.Procedure prepared by: Rinard Howard, MHA PBT – ACSP
  - 3.Who performs procedure: Outpatient Phlebotomy staff

**2) Refrigeration Verification:**

1. Open the refrigerator door and locate the thermometer.
2. Read the temperature on the thermometer.
3. Verify that the temperature is between 2-8°C.
4. Record the temperature on the log.

**3) Corrective Actions:**

1. If the temperature is not between 2 and 8°, then verify that the refrigerator’s contents are undamaged, remove contents to another refrigerator, and adjust the thermostat up or down accordingly. Place a “Do Not Use” sign on the refrigerator door. Check the temperature again in 30 minutes.
2. If the temperature fails to correct after adjusting the thermostat, then call engineering at extension 6-4841 to request a repair. If the temperature corrects, return contents and remove the “Do Not Use” sign.

**4) Related Procedures: N/A**

**5) References: N/A**

**6) Attachments: N/A**

**7) Revised/Reviewed Dates and Signatures:**

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