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Auto Verification on Abbott Analyzer - Royal Oak

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I. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this document is to provide technical staff with procedures and guidelines for auto verification and delta check rules between Abbott Architect, Instrument Manager (IM) and the Laboratory Information System (LIS). Results in IM auto verify unless a rule is in place to hold the result for review. The Instrument Manager server collects sample results from the ARCHITECT, evaluates results against auto verification rules, and uploads the compiled data to the LIS.

II. CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Auto verification releases results from the Architect analyzers that are within reportable range, have acceptable lipemia, hemolysis and icterus (LHI) values, do not exceed established delta checks, do not have instrument flags associated with them, or violate “special” rules. LIS rules are established to automatically perform calculations when required to complete results.

III. DEFINITIONS:

A. **LHI** refers to serum indices: lipemia, hemolysis and icterus.

B. **Special rules** refer to the list of analytes that stop posting in the LIS with actions required by the operator.

IV. QUALITY CONTROL (QC):

A. All analytes will be validated for auto verification pass once. In addition, all analytes will be validated for auto verification fail, at both high and low limits, once. Delta checks and special rules will be validated once. Any changes that are made to an analyte must be validated for

auto verification and Delta Checks.

B. Evaluate routine patient samples to document auto verified reportable range passed and failed samples. Each analyte must be ordered individually or all other analytes in the panel must be within reportable range with no delta checks or flags. If unable to fulfill auto verification testing criteria with routine specimens, order a test patient for the particular analyte and wet test using QC or linearity material or dry test in IM.

C. Evaluate routine patient samples to verify LIS calculations yearly. If unable to fulfill calculation verification with routine patients, order a test patient. Each calculation must be manually calculated and compared to the LIS reported result.

D. Auto verification documentation will be recorded on the Auto Verification Validation Worksheets attached. Calculation documentation will be recorded on the Calculation Verification Worksheet.

E. Any detected failure of auto verification in the IM will be reported to the IM administrator for correction/modification of the software.

V. PROCEDURE:

A. Validation of auto verification is performed anytime the IM database is altered. The procedure reviews patient samples that have been previously tested and either pass or fail the stated criteria. This is a zero-tolerance system for errors in the IM software application. Any detected failure of the software system to release or not to release sample results for auto verification is reported to the IM Administrator for review, correction, and/or modification of the IM software.

B. The Architect instrument runs tests.

C. Instrument Manager applies auto verification rules. Results are then sent to the LIS.
Note: See Auto Verification Reportable Range and Delta Check Listing in attachments for analytes and limits.

1. **If all rules pass,** the patient results are released, auto posted and auto verified.
2. **If a rule fails,** auto verification is stopped, and patient results are held to be posted by tech.

D. Instrument Manager Specimen Management workspaces are reviewed by Medical Technologists for held results and results are posted by the operator.

E. SPECIAL rules violated cause results to stop posting in Instrument Manager.
Note: Operator intervention is required, such as failing auto verification. See attachments for Special Rules for specific analytes and actions.

1. **If there is an instrument flag generated automatic re-run,** the results will be in Instrument Manager for the operator to review for release or resolution.
2. **If there is an absurd value for a calculated test,** the operator must resolve the problem analyte, repeat testing, calculate results and report (i.e% Free PSA, Anion Gap, Globulin).
3. **If there is an instrument exception,** the operator must resolve and repeat testing (Clotted, QNS samples).

4. **If there is an index result that requires a comment regarding the integrity of the specimen,** a comment auto populates in IM and the results auto verify. Results in the IM will hold if the integrity requires operator intervention.
5. **If Lipemia index >200,** airfuge specimen and repeat all testing except Lipids. Comment: "Specimen is pre-treated to minimize the effect of lipemia."

VI. CALCULATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS:

A. The criteria used for auto verification and delta-checks of the Abbott ARCHITECT/Instrument Manager assays are listed in the attached worksheets. If the criteria are evaluated as 'true', then the IM will auto verify the specific assay.
    1. 1 sample will pass each of the rules.
    2. 1 sample will fail (less than) each of the rules.
    3. 1 sample will fail (greater than) each of the rules.

B. **Special rules** violated cause IM and/ or LIS to hold results and may require additional handling to verify results:
    1. Absurd Values for calculated tests.
    2. Index results that require a comment regarding the specimen integrity.

VII. REFERENCES:

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Attachments

Abbott Chemistry Autoverification Worksheet Attachment A.pdf

Immunoassay Autoverification Worksheet Attachment B.pdf

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