TRAINING UPDATE

Lab Location:	SGMC	**Date Distributed:**	10/28/2015
Department:	Core	**Due Date:**	11/30/2015
		Implementation:	**12/1/2015**

DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE REVISION

Name of procedure:

APT SGAH.C22 v2

Description of change(s):

Section	Reason
4.2	Change open NERL stability from 7 to 30 days
10.6	Add LIS reporting steps
11.1	Change from none to negative
16	Move log from section 19
17	Add reference for reference range

This revised SOP will be implemented on December 1, 2015

Document your compliance with this training update by taking the quiz in the MTS system.

Approved draft for training (version 2)

Technical SOP

Title	**APT**	
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Laboratory Approval	**Local Effective Date:**	
Print Name	**Signature**	**Date**
Refer to the electronic signature page for approval and approval dates.		

Review		
Print Name	**Signature**	**Date**

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1. TEST INFORMATION

Assay	Method/Instrument	Local Code
APT Test	Colorimetric	APT

Synonyms/Abbreviations
APT - Downey

Department
Chemistry

2. ANALYTICAL PRINCIPLE

Adult hemoglobin denatures to a brownish hematin in an alkaline environment. F etal hemoglobin is alkali resistant with a persistent pink color.

3. SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Patient Preparation

Component	Special Notations
Fasting/Special Diets	N/A
Specimen Collection and/or Timing	Random stool or gastric contents
Special Collection Procedures	N/A
Other	N/A

3.2 Specimen Type & Handling

Criteria		
Type	**-Preferred**	Grossly bloody (red) non-tarry stool or bloody vomitus or bloody mucous
	-Other Acceptable	Blood stained diaper. Note: For diapers, sheets, etc., cut out the soiled area and elute in 2-5 ml of distilled water to obtain a sufficient sample for testing. Specimen for testing should have a visible "pink" hue. See procedure notes in section 13.
Collection Container		Plastic container, tube or blood stained diaper
Volume	**- Optimum**	1 mL
	- Minimum	0.5 mL
Transport Container and Temperature		Collection container at room temperature
Stability & Storage Requirements	Room Temperature:	(15-30°C) 30 min
	Refrigerated:	(2-8°C) 1 week
	Frozen:	Unacceptable
Unacceptable Specimens & Actions to Take		Specimens that are unlabeled, improperly labeled, or those that do not meet the stated criteria are unacceptable. Request a recollection and credit the test with the appropriate LIS English text code for "test not performed" message. Examples: Quantity not sufficient-QNS; Unacceptable specimen-UNAC. Document the request for recollection in the LIS.

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Criteria	
Compromising Physical Characteristics	N/A
Other Considerations	None

4. REAGENTS

Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) supplied with the reagents for complete safety hazards. Refer to the section in this procedure covering "SAFETY" for additional information.

4.1 Reagent Summary

Reagents	Supplier & Catalog Number
10% Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH)	Ricca Chemical Co. Cat # 7260-32
NERL Ultra Purified Water	Thermo Scientific Cat #0015

4.2 Reagent Preparation and Storage

NOTE: Date and initial all reagents upon opening. Each container must be labeled with (1) substance name, (2) lot number, (3) date of preparation, (4) expiration date, (5) initials of tech, (6) any special storage instructions; check for visible signs of degradation.

Reagent	**10% NaOH**
Container	Sterile plastic container as supplied by the manufacturer
Storage	Room temperature
Stability	1 year
Preparation	N/A

Reagent	**NERL Ultra Purified Water (distilled)**
Container	Sterile plastic container as supplied by the manufacturer
Storage	Room temperature
Stability	Unopened: until expiration date on bottle Opened: 30 days at room temperature
Preparation	N/A

5. CALIBRATORS/STANDARDS

N/A

6. QUALITY CONTROL

6.1 Controls Used

Controls	Supplier and Catalog Number
Adult Blood	N/A
Cord Blood	N/A

6.2 Control Preparation and Storage

Control	Adult Blood
Preparation	Ready to use from Lavender top tube obtained in Hematology or Blood Bank. **Note**: Care should be taken to select a healthy adult blood sample.
Storage/Stability	Use fresh sample

Control	Cord Blood
Preparation	Ready to use from Cord Blood specimen obtained from Blood Bank.
Storage/Stability	Use fresh sample

6.3 Frequency

Run Adult and Cord Blood controls with each patient.

6.4 Tolerance Limits

With the addition of NaOH, Hemoglobin in the Adult Control should change from pink to brown immediately while the Cord Blood Control (Fetal Hemoglobin F) will retain a pinkish hue. Note that all hemoglobin, including alkali resistant Hgb F, will denature with time in an alkali environment. Results must be read within the designated time frame.

Fetal Hemoglobin may be elevated in adult oncology patients and individuals with homozygous Hgb S or Thalassemia. If the APT adult control result is not as expected, another (healthy) adult control should be selected and the test repeated.

Cord bloods may range from 60% to 90% Fetal Hemoglobin. If the cord blood control result is not as expected, select another cord blood and repeat test.

6.5 Review Patient Data

N/A

6.6 Documentation

- Record Quality Control and patient results on appropriate worksheet.
- Refer to complete policies and procedures for QC documentation and for record retention requirements in the Laboratory QC Program.

6.7 Quality Assurance Program

- The laboratory participates in CAP proficiency testing. All proficiency testing materials must be treated in the same manner as patient samples.

7. EQUIPMENT and SUPPLIES

7.1 Assay Platform

N/A

7.2 Equipment

N/A

7.3 Supplies

- Test tubes
- Pipettes

8. PROCEDURE

NOTE: For all procedures involving specimens, buttoned lab coats, gloves, and face protection are required minimum personal protective equipment. Report all accidents to your supervisor.

1. For each specimen (Adult and Cord Blood controls and the Patient) label two tubes: Test and Reference.

	Adult Control	Cord Control	Patient Specimen
Test			
Reference			

2. Add 2 mL of distilled water to each tube.

3. Add 1 drop of control or bloody patient specimen to their respective tubes.

4. Starting with the Adult Control, add 0.1 mL of 10% NaOH to the "Test" tube, mix and compare to the adult "Reference" tube. Look for an immediate color change from pink to brown/beige. Read result within 15 seconds after adding the NaOH and mixing.

5. Record result and interpretation on the APT Log.

6. Repeat steps 4-5 for the Cord Blood Control and then for each Patient Specimen. A pink hue will persist when fetal hemoglobin is present. Do not let the reaction sit before reading as even alkali resistant Fetal Hemoglobin will denature in an alkali environment over time.

9. CALCULATIONS

N/A

10. REPORTING RESULTS AND REPEAT CRITERIA

10.1 Interpretation of Data

10.1.1 If solution turns from pink to brown or beige, without a persistent pink hue, adult hemoglobin is present.

REPORT AS: **NFH** "Negative for fetal hemoglobin"

10.1.2 If solution does not immediately turn brown, i.e. it stays pink or a pink hue persists, fetal hemoglobin is present.

REPORT AS: **PFH** "Positive for fetal hemoglobin"

10.1.3 If solution was not visibly bloody (See section 13 Procedure Notes).

CANCEL AS: **UNAC** "specimen unacceptable"

10.2 Rounding

N/A

10.3 Units of Measure

N/A

10.4 Clinically Reportable Range (CRR)

N/A

10.5 Repeat Criteria and Resulting

Repeat test using a larger volume (if available), whenever color development is uncertain. Repeat controls using a different sample when color development is not as expected or uncertain.

10.6 Resulting

Record results and interpretation on the APT Log and enter in LIS using function **MEM**.

Enter Shift (**1, 2, or 3**)
Worksheet: **SCH1**
Test: <Enter>
Enter "**A**" (Accept)
Enter Accession number
Press <Enter> until Result screen displayed

11. EXPECTED VALUES

11.1 Reference Ranges

Negative for fetal hemoglobin

11.2 Critical Values

None established

11.3 Priority 3 Limit(s)

None established

12. CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The APT test is useful in distinguishing between Melena Neonatorum (hemorrhage from an infant's gastrointestinal tract) and the passing by the infant of maternal blood swallowed during labor.

13. PROCEDURE NOTES

- **FDA Status:** Exempt
- **Validated Test Modifications:** None

The specimen requirement for this test as stated in section 3.2 is a grossly bloody stool, vomitus or mucous. **In the case of blood stained diapers, sheets, etc**:

- If after adding distilled water a pink hue is not seen, the specimen is unacceptable for testing.
- Call a caregiver and explain the following: 'The specimen we received did not appear to be bloody, nor were we able to elute any pink or red color from it; therefore we are unable to perform this test.'
- Document the call and cancel the test. Indicate the inability to perform this test on the APT QC log along with the documentation of the notification.

14. LIMITATIONS OF METHOD

14.1 Analytical Measurement Range (AMR)

N/A

14.2 Precision

Reactions should be read immediately after adding NaOH, within 15 seconds. All hemoglobins will ultimately denature (turn brownish) in a strong alkali environment.

14.3 Interfering Substances

Some oncology patients and individuals with hemoglobinopathies (Thalassemia, Hgb S) may have elevated levels of fetal hemoglobin and should not be used as an adult control.

14.4 Clinical Sensitivity/Specificity/Predictive Values

N/A

15. SAFETY

The employee has direct responsibility to avoid injury and illness at work. Nearly all harmful exposures to infectious substances and chemicals, and other injuries, can be avoided with effective training and consistent safe work practices.

Become familiar with the Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Manual to learn the requirements on working safely and protecting the environment from harm. Although lab work typically focuses on the hazards of working with specimens and chemicals, we must also control other important hazards.

- Slips, trips, and falls cause many serious injuries. Please ensure that spills are cleaned quickly (to avoid slippery floors); and that you avoid obstacles in your path.
- Ergonomic injuries result from performing tasks with too much repetition, force, or awkward position. Ergonomic injuries include strains and back injuries. Learn about ergonomic hazards and how to prevent this type of injury.
- Scratches, lacerations, and needlesticks can result in serious health consequences. Attempt to find ways to eliminate your risk when working with sharp materials.

Report all accidents and injuries immediately to your supervisor or the business unit Environmental Health and Safety Manager or Specialist.

16. RELATED DOCUMENTS

1. Laboratory QC Program
2. APT procedure SC.505 v006, Special Chemistry, Chantilly
3. APT Log (AG.F148)

17. REFERENCES

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18. REVISION HISTORY

Version	Date	Section	Reason	Reviser	Approval
			Supersedes SOP SGAHC002.002		
000	11/28/11	3.2	Change Room Temp range to 15-30C Refer to section 13 for procedural notes on acceptability.	C Reidenauer	C Reidenauer
000	11/28/11	4.1, 4.2,7.3	Add NERL Water	C Reidenauer	C Reidenauer
000	11/28/11	10.1.3	Change instruction 'Report' to 'Cancel'	C Reidenauer	C Reidenauer
000	11/28/11	11.2	Update title to local terminology	L Barrett	C Reidenauer
000	11/28/11	13	Add procedure notes on Unacceptable Specimen handling.	C Reidenauer	C Reidenauer
000	11/28/11	15	Update to standard content	L Barrett	C Reidenauer
000	11/28/11	16	Add QC Program and SC.505 SOP	L Barrett	C Reidenauer
001	10/6/15		Update owner	L Barrett	R SanLuis
001	10/6/15	4.2	Change open NERL stability from 7 to 30 days	L Barrett	R SanLuis
001	10/6/15	10.6	Add LIS reporting steps	L Barrett	R SanLuis
001	10/6/15	11.1	Change from none to negative	L Barrett	R SanLuis
001	10/6/15	16	Move log from section 19	L Barrett	R SanLuis
001	10/6/15	17	Add reference for reference range	L Barrett	R SanLuis
001	10/6/15	Footer	Version # leading zero's dropped due to new EDCS in use as of 10/7/13	L Barrett	R SanLuis

19. ADDENDA

None
~~APT Log (see Attachment tab of Infocard)~~