

**TRAINING UPDATE**

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**Department:** Blood Bank      **Due Date:** 4.30.3018

**DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE REVISION**

**Name of procedure:**

Quality Control Failure Resolution

**Description of change(s):**

All QC and maintenance failures must be documented on the new form.

This change was made in response to a CAP deficiency.

### Quality Control or Equipment Failure Review Form

Problem Identified			
Suspend Patient Testing or Remove Equipment From Service			
Date:	Time:	Tech:	
Action Taken and Results of Action			
Patient and Blood Product Impact			
Resume Patient Testing or Return Equipment To Service			
Date:	Time:	Tech:	
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**1. PURPOSE**

Quality Control (QC) is a system of checks that assures the accuracy of all instruments, reagents, tech performance, and procedures in use.

**2. SCOPE**

This procedure provides the laboratory with constant appraisal of the precision and accuracy of each test performed to maintain high quality performance.

**3. RESPONSIBILITY**

All blood bank staff members must know the QC policies of the blood bank and be competent in performing blood bank QC. The lead technologist or supervisor will review the QC a minimum of monthly. Reagent QC will be reviewed weekly. A QC summary will be prepared by the supervisor and reviewed monthly by the Blood Bank Medical Director.

Employees are encouraged to communicate any concerns or complaints with respect to the quality of patient testing and safety. A PI variance form is utilized to document the concern/complaint, investigation, corrective action, and preventive action as appropriate.

**4. DEFINITIONS**

N/A

**5. PROCEDURE**

**Quality Control Failure**

Step	Action
1	QC is performed each day of use for every reagent.

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Step	Action
2	<p>Inappropriate QC results warrant immediate action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Patient testing for the test involved must be suspended until the problem has been corrected.</li> <li>B. The scope of the problem must be assessed to determine if previous test results were affected.</li> <li>C. Blood product preparation must be assessed for conformance whenever equipment fails or is out of calibration.</li> <li>D. All corrective action must be documented on a Quality Control or Equipment Failure Review Form. Staple the completed form to the appropriate QC form.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Problem identified</li> <li>b. Date and time patient testing was suspended or equipment was removed from service</li> <li>c. Action taken and results of that action</li> <li>d. Patient and/or blood product impact</li> <li>e. Date and time patient testing was resumed or equipment was returned to service</li> <li>f. Supervisor's review</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	<p>When a QC failure occurs repeat the test involved using the same reagent. Ascertain that the proper test methods are being used. This includes verifying any equipment involved for proper operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Appropriate results on repeat testing indicate improper use of reagents, methodology, or clerical error on initial testing.</li> <li>B. Proceed to the next step if the results continue to be out of range.</li> </ul>
4	<p>Repeat the test involved using a different bottle of antisera.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. A correction of results indicates that the original bottle of reagent used must be discarded.</li> <li>B. Proceed to the next step if the results continue to be out of range.</li> </ul>
5	<p>Repeat the test involved using a different bottle of reagent red cells (use the original bottle of antisera first and then with the new bottle of antisera).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. A correction of results indicates a defective bottle of reagent red cells or that both the reagent red cells and antisera are defective.</li> <li>B. Proceed to the next step if the results continue to be out of range.</li> </ul>
6	<p>Repeat the test with a new lot number of reagent red cells and a new lot number of antisera if available. Notify a supervisor or results.</p>

**Equipment Failure**

Step	Action
1	QC of equipment is performed on a regular basis as outlined in the Quality Plan.

Step	Action
2	When equipment QC fails, determine if a test or component preparation is involved. If not, troubleshoot the specific piece of equipment following manufacturer's instructions or by contacting Biomedical Engineering.
3	If testing is involved, repeat the QC using alternative equipment when available.
4	Remove the defective equipment from service. Refer to procedure, "Equipment Records and Repair" procedure or the procedure for the specific piece of equipment.
5	If blood products are involved, assess each blood product for conformance with FDA regulations and AABB standards with regard to temperature, sterility, purity, safety, etc. Seek guidance from the Blood Bank Supervisor and Medical Director as appropriate.
6	<p>All corrective action must be documented on a Quality Control or Equipment Failure Review Form. Staple the completed form to the appropriate maintenance form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Problem identified</li> <li>B. Date and time patient testing was suspended or equipment was removed from service</li> <li>C. Action taken and results of that action</li> <li>D. Patient and/or blood product impact</li> <li>E. Date and time patient testing was resumed or equipment was returned to service</li> <li>F. Supervisor's review</li> </ul>

**6. RELATED DOCUMENTS**

SOP: Equipment Records and Repair Instructions

Form: Quality Control or Equipment Failure Review Form (AG.F406)

**7. REFERENCES**

1. Fung, MK, Grossman, BJ, Hillyer, CD, and Westhoff, CM. 2014. Technical Manual of the AABB, 18<sup>th</sup> ed. AABB Publishing, Bethesda, Maryland
2. Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, 2016. AABB, 30<sup>th</sup> ed. AABB Publishing, Bethesda, Maryland

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**8. REVISION HISTORY**

Version	Date	Reason for Revision	Revised By	Approved By
		Supersedes WAH-SGAH B501.001		
000	1.29.14	Section 3: Added statement that reagent QC will be reviewed weekly to align with corporate reagents and controls policy.	SCodina	NCacciabeve
		Footer: version # leading zero's dropped due to new EDCS in use as of 10/7/13.	LBarrett	
1	12.21.17	Header: Added WAH	LBarrett	NCacciabeve
2	4.11.2018	Section 5: Added requirement to complete new form. Section 6: Added new form	SCodina	NCacciabeve

**9. ADDENDA AND APPENDICES**  
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