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## Running Quality Control on the TEG 6s Hemostasis Analyzer

### PURPOSE

This procedure describes how to run quality control on the TEG 6s hemostasis analyzer

### POLICY

- The external QC is run upon receipt of a new shipment or new lot of test cartridges
- Citrated global hemostasis test cartridge uses the following external QC material: normal donor sample and abnormal QC
- Citrated global hemostasis with lysis (Trauma) test cartridge uses the following external QC material: normal donor sample, abnormal QC, and lysis QC
- Platelet Mapping test cartridge uses the following external QC material: normal donor and abnormal donor sample
- The appropriate corrective action is performed on any QC outlier and documented on the TEG 6s QC log
- The internal built-in QC validates that all components and functions of the analyzer-test cartridge combination are operating satisfactorily:
  - Power on self test- when analyzer is turned on, a system QC check is performed on all analyzer functions prior to loading of the test cartridge. Any failure will generate an error message and test will be invalidated.
  - Pre Test - when the test cartridge is inserted, a system QC check is performed to validate the ability of the analyzer to correctly identify the test cartridge and validate the integrity of the analyzer-cartridge interface. Any failure will generate an error message and prevent further system operation.
  - In Use - when the sample is added and test started, a system QC check is performed to monitor critical operational parameters throughout the duration of the test. If any parameter is out of range then test will be invalidated.

### SCOPE

All CLS and MLT staff assigned to the Hematology/Coagulation department

# PREPARATION AND STABILITY OF EXTERNAL QC

External QC	Test Cartridge	Storage and Stability	Preparation
Abnormal QC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citrated Global Hemostasis Test Cartridge</li> <li>• Citrated Global hemostasis with Lysis (Trauma) Test Cartridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sealed vials are stored at 2-8°C</li> <li>• Use within 2 hrs of reconstitution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow QC vial and diluent water vial to equilibrate at RT for 10 min</li> <li>• Tap the top of QC vial a few times to ensure lyophilized material is on the bottom of the QC vial</li> <li>• Remove seal and stopper of the QC vial, avoid the sharp metal edges</li> <li>• Slowly pour the contents of the diluent water into the QC vial and make sure no water drips out</li> <li>• Re-insert stopper in the QC vial</li> <li>• Hold stopper in place, vigorously shake the QC vial until fully reconstituted then let stand at RT for 5 min</li> <li>• Shake QC vial vigorously again and let stand at RT for 5 more min</li> <li>• Repeat until there is no undissolved material remaining in the QC vial</li> </ul>
Abnormal and Lysis QC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citrated Global hemostasis with lysis (Trauma) Test Cartridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sealed vials are stored at 2-8°C</li> <li>• Use within 2 hrs of reconstitution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow abnormal QC vial, Lysis QC vial and diluent water vial to equilibrate at RT for 10 min</li> <li>• Tap the top of both QC vials a few times to ensure lyophilized material is on the bottom of each QC vial</li> <li>• Remove seal and stopper of the abnormal QC vial, avoid the sharp metal edges</li> <li>• Slowly pour the contents of the diluent water into the abnormal QC vial and make sure no water drips out</li> <li>• Re-insert stopper in the abnormal QC vial</li> <li>• Hold stopper in place, vigorously shake the abnormal QC vial until fully reconstituted then let stand at RT for 5 min</li> <li>• Shake abnormal QC vial vigorously again and let stand at RT for 5 more</li> </ul>

			<p>min</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeat until there is no undissolved material remaining in the abnormal QC vial</li> <li>• Remove the seal and stopper of the Lysis control vial, avoid the sharp metal edges</li> <li>• Remove the stopper of the reconstituted abnormal control vial</li> <li>• Use the transfer pipette from the Citrated Trauma test kit and transfer the entire contents of the abnormal QC vial into the Lysis control vial</li> <li>• Replace the stopper on the Lysis control vial and invert the vial 5 times to mix the abnormal QC and Lysis control material. Repeat until there is no undissolved material remaining in the vial.</li> </ul>
Normal Donor Sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citrated Global Hemostasis Test Cartridge</li> <li>• Citrated Global hemostasis (Trauma) Test Cartridge</li> <li>• Platelet Mapping Test Cartridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal donor sample stored at RT in a horizontal position</li> <li>• Use after 10 minutes of collection at RT and within 4 hrs of collection for Citrated Global Multichannel and Citrated Trauma Test cartridges</li> <li>• Use after 30 minutes of collection at RT and within 2 hrs of collection for Platelet Mapping Test cartridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to Haemonetics donor screening criteria for identification and selection of normal donor samples</li> <li>• Donors taking medications such as oral contraceptives, hormone replacement of any type, aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen should be excluded</li> <li>• Refer to the TEG 6s specimen collection procedure to collect the appropriate blood tubes</li> </ul>
Abnormal Donor sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Platelet Mapping Test Cartridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abnormal donor sample stored at RT in a horizontal position</li> <li>• Use after 30 minutes of collection at RT and within 2 hrs of collection for Platelet Mapping Test cartridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to Haemonetics donor screening criteria for identification and selection of normal donor samples</li> <li>• Refer to the TEG 6s specimen collection procedure to collect the appropriate blood tubes</li> <li>• To prepare aspirin spiked normal donor blood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dissolve (1) 325 mg aspirin tablet in 200 ml saline</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- add 160 ul of the ASA solution to the 4 ml heparinized blood tube
- Recap vial. Thoroughly and gently mix
- Incubate solution at RT for 30 min prior to testing
- To prepare Functional Fibrinogen rgt spiked normal donor blood:
  - Remove 3 vials of FF rgt from the refrigerator and allow to reach RT
  - tap the vials to ensure all contents are at the bottom of the vial
  - Remove seal and stopper on each vial, avoid sharp metal edges
  - Pipette 500 ul of whole blood into each of the FF vials
  - On each vial, replace the stopper then gently swirl and invert 5 times
  - Obtain a large sterile plastic container and pool the contents of the 3 vials
  - Gently swirl and invert 5 times prior to testing

## PROCEDURE

Follow the procedure below to run QC on the TEG 6s

Step	Action
1.	Remove the test cartridge to use from refrigerated storage
2.	From the <i>Home</i> screen on the TEG analyzer, select <b>new qc</b>
3.	Tear open the cartridge pouch and when prompt, insert the cartridge into the slot as indicated with the bar code on the left side
4.	On the <i>Confirm Test</i> screen, touch <b>continue</b>
5.	After the cartridge pretest has completed and you have verified that the assay is what you intended to run, touch <b>next</b>
6.	On the <b>Test Information</b> screen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using the external QC barcodes located above the TEG 6s analyzers, scan the appropriate barcode of the QC that will be run ( normal donor QC, abnormal QC, Lysis QC, abnormal donor QC)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Then touch next</li> </ul>
7.	<p>Pipette the prepared QC sample into the cartridge sample port, filling up to or above the line marked on the cartridge. Touch <b>next</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The TEG analyzer starts the test</li> <li>• The results are displayed as they become available</li> </ul>
8.	<p>Touch <b>tracings</b> to view a graphic representation of the results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To cycle through superimposed, offset, and single-tracing views, touch <b>next tracing</b> until the desired view is displayed</li> </ul>
9.	<p>When the analyzer displays the "Remove cartridge" prompt, removed the used cartridge from the slot and immediately dispose of it in a biohazard container</p>
10.	<p>Print out and compare the QC results against the established QC ranges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reagent performance is verified if the QC test results fall within the established QC ranges</li> <li>• Refer to section "Verifying External QC Results"</li> </ul>
11.	<p>Previously ran QC may be viewed from the <i>Home</i> screen by touching <b>stored qc</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select the desired test, then touch results</li> <li>• The status of each test is shown on the right side of the screen</li> <li>• A green check mark indicates that the test completed (all parameters were finalized), a red X indicates that the test timed out, and an orange triangle indicates that the test was stopped early</li> </ul>

## VERIFYING EXTERNAL QC RESULTS

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1.	Print the external QC results for the test cartridge in use												
2.	<p>Refer to the TEG 6s external QC reference range document to review the external QC results for the test cartridge in use and ensure values are within acceptable range</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If</th> <th>Then</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>QC results within acceptable range</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial the printouts</li> <li>• Place printout in the TEG 6s QC binder</li> <li>• Proceed to step 3</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>QC results outside acceptable range</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeat QC sample on test cartridge in use</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If</th> <th>Then</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Repeat QC results within acceptable range</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Initial the printouts</li> <li>◦ Place printouts in the TEG 6s QC binder</li> <li>◦ Proceed to step 3</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repeat QC results outside acceptable range</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Notify Supervisor and contact Haemonetics tech support</li> <li>◦ Do not use affected TEG</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If	Then	QC results within acceptable range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial the printouts</li> <li>• Place printout in the TEG 6s QC binder</li> <li>• Proceed to step 3</li> </ul>	QC results outside acceptable range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeat QC sample on test cartridge in use</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If</th> <th>Then</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Repeat QC results within acceptable range</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Initial the printouts</li> <li>◦ Place printouts in the TEG 6s QC binder</li> <li>◦ Proceed to step 3</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repeat QC results outside acceptable range</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Notify Supervisor and contact Haemonetics tech support</li> <li>◦ Do not use affected TEG</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If	Then	Repeat QC results within acceptable range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Initial the printouts</li> <li>◦ Place printouts in the TEG 6s QC binder</li> <li>◦ Proceed to step 3</li> </ul>	Repeat QC results outside acceptable range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Notify Supervisor and contact Haemonetics tech support</li> <li>◦ Do not use affected TEG</li> </ul>
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- 6s analyzer for patient testing
- Initial the printouts
  - Place printouts in the TEG 6s QC binder

3. Proceed to patient testing when external QC results have been verified to be within acceptable ranges for test cartridges in use

## EXTERNAL QC REFERENCE RANGES

Abnormal & Lysis QC Citratated Global Hemostasis Test Cartridge		R (min)	K (min)	Angle (deg)	MA (mm)	FLEV (mg/ dl)	LY30 (%)	
CK		0.7 - 2.7	0.6 - 1.1	77 - 83	35 - 51	NA	82.0 - 98.0	
CRT		NA	NA	NA	35 - 51	NA	NA	
CKH		0.7 - 2.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
CFF		NA	NA	NA	35 - 51	639 - 931	NA	
Normal donor QC Citratated Global Hemostasis Test Cartridge		R (min)	K (min)	Angle (deg)	MA (mm)	FLEV (mg/ dl)	LY30 (%)	
CK		4.6 -9.1	0.8 - 2.1	63 - 78	52 - 69	NA	0.0 - 2.6	
CRT		NA	NA	NA	52 - 70	NA	NA	
CKH		4.3 - 8.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
CFF		NA	NA	NA	15 - 32	278 - 581	NA	
Platelet Mapping Test Cartridge	HKH- MA (mm)	ActF- MA (mm)	ADP- MA (mm)	ADP (%Inhib)	ADP(%agg)	AA-MA (mm)	AA (% inhib)	AA (% Agg)
Normal donor QC	53 - 68	2 - 19	45 -69	0 - 17	83 - 100	51 -71	0 - 11	89 - 100
Abnormal donor QC	<53	N/A	<45	>17%	<83%	<51	>11%	<89%

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Running Specimens on the TEG 6s Hemostasis Analyzer
- Donor Screening Questions for Reference Range Study
- TEG 6s external control reference range document

## REFERENCES

- Haemonetics TEG 6s User Manual

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## Attachments

[Normal donor screening criteria.pdf](#)  
[TEG 6s external QC ranges.xlsx](#)

## Approval Signatures

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