1. Appropriate hand hygiene must be followed. See test procedure for details.
2. Perform a successful fingerstick
3. Waste first 2-3 drops of blood
4. Fill the microcuvette in one continuous process
5. Wipe off excess blood from the outside of the microcuvette with a clean, lint-free wipe
6. Place the filled microcuvette in the cuvette holder
7. Gently slide the cuvette holder to the measuring position
8. Once a result is obtained the result must be:

a. Determined if the result seems valid (is it falsely low?)

b.Determine if the result is a Critical Value and if so handle according to BDHS policy.

c. Document the date and time of test along with the result in the patient’s medical record.

1. Clean the microcuvette holder daily with alcohol.
2. Clean outside of HemoCue before and after every use with a Saniwipe.
3. Run Quality Control once a month and/or upon opening a new bottle of cuvettes
4. Record all maintenance and quality control in/on the appropriate log.

**Please review the lab procedures in the BDH organization-wide Policies and Procedures manual. This manual may be found in SharePoint under the Policies and Procedures tab, Organization wide, Laboratory. You will be asked to locate these procedures by an inspector.**

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