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| **University of Washington,** **Harborview Medical Center****325 9th Ave. Seattle, WA, 98104****Transfusion Services Laboratory****Policies and Procedures Manual** | **Original Effective Date:** **9/15/11** | **Number:** **12050-1** |
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| **TITLE: Eyewash Station Quality Control** |

**Purpose:**

To provide instructions for performing the weekly quality control for plumbed eyewash stations.

**Procedure:**

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| **Step** | **Action** |
| Requirements | * Eyewashes must be within 50 feet or 10 seconds from area where biologic or chemical hazards are used.
* Eyewashes should use tepid water.
* Quality Control test must be performed weekly.
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| 1. | * Visually inspect eyewash and protective caps for the following:
* Ensure it is free from obstruction.
* Protective caps are positioned correctly.
* Cleanliness—clean caps with alcohol if needed.
* Absence of corrosion or leakage.
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| 2. | * Activate the unit.
* Ensure water flow starts within 1 second.
* Ensure water pressure is sufficient to push caps off the nozzle, but not so strong it might injure the eye.
* Ensure water flow is continuous and even from both nozzles.
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| 3. | * Turn off water flow.
* Replace protective caps.
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| 4, | * Run water for approximately 3 minutes or until unit is completely flushed.
* Check temperature of water—it must be tepid, not too hot or cold.
* Notify Facilities of any malfunctions or problems.
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| 5 | * Document eye wash quality check on the yellow form attached to or near the eyewash.
* Record date and Tech ID.
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**References**

College of American Pathologists Laboratory General Checklist.