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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. |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| 3. | * Turn off water flow. * Replace protective caps. |
| 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. |
| 5 | * Document eye wash quality check on the yellow form attached to or near the eyewash. * Record date and Tech ID. |

**References**

College of American Pathologists Laboratory General Checklist.