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| TITLE: Quality Control Testing and Review Schedule | | |

**Policy:**

The Harborview Transfusion Service Laboratory (TSL) will perform quality control testing according to regulatory requirements, accepted standards of practice, and manufacturer’s instructions, where applicable.

**Purpose:**

To describe the frequency of quality control testing for all methods and procedures used in the Harborview Medical Center (HMC) Transfusion Services Laboratory (TSL).

**Schedule:**

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| **Test Method, Procedure, or Equipment** | **Frequency of Quality Control Testing** | **Frequency of Review** |
| Manual Tube Methods | * Each day of use, each lot number. * If test results indicate a problem. | * Reviewed by Second Technologist before release of patient results. * Reviewed by Lead/mgr daily. * Reviewed by Manager monthly. |
| TANGO solid phase testing platform | * Each day of use, each lot number. * Each batch of Bromelin reagent. * After maintenance. * If test results indicate a problem. * Function Checks done monthly. |
| Comparability of Instrument/Methods | * TANGO and Manual test methods are frequently run on the same patient sample, and are compared at the time they are run. * ABO/Rh of patients with no previous history. * Unit type confirmations * Antibody Screens * Antibody Identification * In addition, semi-annual method comparisons are documented per Method Correlation Protocol. * Any discrepancy is investigated | * Reviewed each time correlations are performed. |

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| **Test Method, Procedure, or Equipment** | **Frequency of Quality Control Testing** | **Frequency of Review** |
| Manual Bench QC | * Quality Control is performed on each bench on each shift. * Heat block * Cell Washer * Reagent Rack | Monthly by Lead Technologist |
| Temperature-Controlled Storage Devices | * Ongoing monitoring via chart recorders * Daily temperature checks * Refrigerators Daily High and Low Alarm checks * Freezers Daily High Alarm checks * Daily Battery check if applicable. * Quarterly Alarm verifications | Monthly by QA supervisor |

**References**

Applicable Manufacturer’s insert, current version

AABB Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, current edition