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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:****September 15, 2011** | **Number:** **12050-2** |
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| **TITLE: Eyewash Station Quality Control** |

**Purpose:**

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

**Policy**

Transfusion Services Laboratory will follow the guidelines set by the Harborview Medical Center. Policies and procedures for maintenance of the eyewash station is located on HMC Intranet, Policies and Procedures.

**Procedure:**

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| **Step** | **Action** | **Related Documents** |
| 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.
 | * HMC Administrative Policies and Procedures: Emergency Eyewashes and Showers (50.15)
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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, | * Check temperature of water—it must be tepid, not too hot or cold.
* Run water for at least 15 seconds
* Notify ~~Facilities~~ Engineering 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~~ on the Harborview Medical Center Weekly Eyewash Flush Log
* Record date and ~~Tech ID~~ initials.
 | * Emergency Eyewash Flush Log (Pol 50.15HS)
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**References**

College of American Pathologists Laboratory General Checklist.

HMC Administrative Policies and Procedures: Emergency Eyewashes and Showers (50.15)