

Point of Care Testing: Urine Pregnancy

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Clinical Indication

- Urine pregnancy POCT occurs in the SurgiCenter for all preoperative female patients of childbearing age to determine pregnancy status prior to any surgical procedure.

Documentation

- Testing staff will document the test orders and results in the patient's electronic medical record.

Clinical Action

- All results, both positive and negative, will be reported to the Anesthesia Provider.
- When the test is negative, there are no further actions required.
- When the test is positive, the nurse will send a urine sample to the Clinical Laboratory for confirmatory testing.
- Additionally, when the test is positive, the Anesthesia Provider will discuss test results, possible anesthesia effects, and the surgical procedure with the patient and will document this discussion in the patient's electronic clinical record.
- When a test is "invalid" (e.g., the internal control failed; insufficient specimen volume used; procedural error), the test result will not be considered valid or reliable. The invalid test will not be entered into the patient's electronic medical record. A new test device will be used to rerun the test. If the second test also fails, the patient's provider will be consulted for direction. All invalid tests will be communicated to the POCT Service Team.