

Point of Care Devices: What CMS Surveyors Are Looking For

CMS surveyors use a worksheet to assess infection control practices during ASC surveys. The section of the worksheet used to assess practices surrounding the use of point of care devices (such as glucometers) is reproduced below. **Because this the SAME TOOL a CMS surveyor will use to assess practices associated with the use of point of care devices, it is also a useful SELF-ASSESSMENT tool for an ASC.**

Unless otherwise indicated, a “No” response to any question below will be cited as a deficient practice.

V. Point of Care Devices (e.g., blood glucose meter)

Observations are to be made of staff who perform fingerstick testing (e.g., nurses)

If N/A is filled in, please clarify why in the comments box below why it was not applicable or not observed.

Practices to be Assessed	Was Practice Performed?	Manner of Confirmation
1. Does the ASC have a blood glucose meter? If NO, STOP HERE.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> Observation <input type="radio"/> Interview <input type="radio"/> Both
A. A new single-use, auto-disabling lancing device is used for each patient	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> Observation <input type="radio"/> Interview <input type="radio"/> Both
B. The glucose meter is not used on more than one patient unless the manufacturer’s instructions indicate this is permissible	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> Observation <input type="radio"/> Interview <input type="radio"/> Both
C. The glucose meter is cleaned and disinfected after every use.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> Observation <input type="radio"/> Interview <input type="radio"/> Both
D. Additional breaches in appropriate use of point of care devices (like glucose meters) not captured by the questions above were identified (If YES, please specify further in comments)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> Observation <input type="radio"/> Interview <input type="radio"/> Both

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