

ASSESSING PATIENTS FOR POINT-OF-CARE TESTING

When providing point-of-care testing for patients, remember these 7 points!



Pharmacists can use lancet-type devices to obtain blood for a patient's education, self-care, or self-monitoring of his/her chronic disease

Point-of-care testing can be done by a registered pharmacy technician, intern, or student under the supervision/direction of a pharmacist



Pharmacists must explain the purpose of the testing to the patient or agent and obtain informed consent

Consent cannot be implied!

Pharmacists cannot make a diagnosis, as this is outside of their scope of practice



Pharmacists must follow proper infection control procedures

Pharmacists should ensure that the demonstration area is clean, private and comfortable for patients



Pharmacists must document the patient's name, address, consent, results, date, and who performed the procedure