

Practicalities of POCT assessments

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- Applying for POCT accreditation
- Pre-assessment visit
- Main assessment visit
- Outcomes
- Cost

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Definition of POCT



“... any analytical test performed for a patient by a healthcare professional outside the conventional laboratory.”



“... testing that is performed near or at the site of the patient with the result leading to possible change in the care of the patient.”



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Definition of POCT

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“... any diagnostic test performed on a person by a competent individual, where a result that can be interpreted is provided before the person leaves”



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Established POCT tests

- Blood gas
- Glucose
- Coagulation
- Haemoglobin
- HbA1C
- Cardiac Markers
- Urinary dip-sticks
- Pregnancy tests
- Rapid HIV/Hepatitis screens
- OSNA Sentinel-node testing



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The challenges of POCT

- Many stakeholders
- Quality of POCT = Quality of laboratory
- POCT users not lab specialists
- Variety of POCT platforms
- Wide distribution of instruments
- Resource intensive



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The challenges to POCT assessment

- Multiple sites
- Multiple platforms
- Multiple operatives
- Lack of familiarity with the Standards
- Operative familiarity with assessment process



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Thinking of applying for POCT accreditation?

- Separate from laboratory accreditation
- Not mandatory
- Laboratory status
- Apply as POCT service
- Apply as individual discipline POCT
- Scope
- Determine readiness for assessment (gap analysis and audit)
- Visit timing



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Applying for POCT accreditation

- Application form
- Spreadsheet



Application Form

CPA Application For POCT Accreditation

APPENDIX 1 - STANDARDS FOR POCT ACCREDITATION

Please refer to the CPA Additional Standards for POCT Accreditation document and tick the appropriate box indicating compliance with each standard.

Standard	Yes	No	Not Applicable	Standard	Yes	No	Not Applicable
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Application Form

CPA Application Form for POCT Accreditation

I
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EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT PARTICIPATION
Please attach a list of all the EOA Schemes in which you participate for POCT.


REPertoire LIST
Please tick the discipline(s) for which you provide POCT services:

Clinical Biochemistry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Haematology	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microbiology / Virology	<input type="checkbox"/>

LOCATION OF POCT SERVICE
Please indicate where the services are located:

01 - Hospital Based Wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
02 - Hospital Based Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/>
03 - Hospital Based Pharmacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
04 - GP Practices	<input type="checkbox"/>
05 - External Clinics	<input type="checkbox"/>

CPA requires complete information regarding sites, addresses, repertoire and technical platforms. An excel spreadsheet has been created and should be obtained from CPA for completion.



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Spreadsheet

- What is done?
- Where is it done?
- How much is done?

SAMPLING

Spreadsheet

Please complete CPA reference number, Applicant Hospital and department and columns A-G for all Hospital Based Wards

Ward Name	Hospital Name	Address	Analytes (Scope)	Analyser	Workload (No. Of tests annually)	Connected to LIMS
AAU	SE		Blood gases plus Na ⁺ /K ⁺ /Ca ⁺⁺ /Cl ⁻ /Glucose/ Lactate/THb	Siemens Rapilab 1200 Series		No
			Blood Glucose	Bayer Contour glucose Meters X3		No
			Blood Ketones	Abbott Optium XCEED X2		No
			Troponin I, cTnI, Myoglobin	Alere Biosite Triage meter		No
Aldbourn	SE		Blood Glucose	Bayer Contour glucose Meters X3		No
Ailesbury Unit	Downton Hospital		Blood Glucose	Bayer Contour glucose Meters X2		No
Ampney	SE		Blood Glucose	Bayer Contour glucose Meters X2		No
			Urine analysis	Bayer Clinetex Urine Analyser		No



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Pre-assessment

- Discuss scope
- Discuss scale
- Discuss sampling
- Discuss readiness
- Discuss management of POCT

- No formal status outcome or report



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The assessment

- Visit timing
- Visit frequency
- Assessment process
- User group – POCT users
- CEO meeting – Governance group
- Raising findings
- Restricted areas
- Sampling based on spreadsheet



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Outcomes of the visit

- Report format
- Decision making process
- Recommendation
- No conditional approval
- Minor POCT findings
- Major POCT findings



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CPA Certificate

- The certificate will identify the organisations that comply with the combined standards e.g.
 - the accredited lab with the POCT service
- The application spreadsheet supports the certificate for both site and scope, and appears on the CPA web-site
- Clarity for users



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Cost

- Laboratory Standards - assessment was included in annual fee
- POCT Standards - take up more assessor time
- Currently costed out at a day rate to the laboratory



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Cost

Establishing a fee structure based on:

- time and number of assessors required
- complexity of geographical distribution
- scope
- individual quotes will be provided



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Take-home messages

- Must be linked to an accredited laboratory
- POCT status does not affect laboratory status
- No Conditional status
- Not mandatory
- Don't apply until you are ready

