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REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. Do you routinely carry out point of care tests for bacterial and viral infections? **No**
2. In what scenarios do you use point of care testing?
We use point of care blood gas analysers in AED, ITU, SCBU, Delivery Suite, Cardio Respiratory Department, Respiratory Ward, Acute Medical Unit and Theatre
Coagulation devices for INR testing on day case surgery wards, stroke services and Anti-Coagulation team.
Blood Glucose Meters are used throughout the Acute Trust and in some community sites.
Pregnancy testing is carried out in areas throughout the Acute Trust in order to confirm the absence of pregnancy prior to administration of certain medication or prior to clinical procedure.
Urine analysis is carried out throughout the Acute Trust
HbA1c analysis is used in both Paediatric and Adult Diabetes clinics.
3. What is the average length of time taken for results of point of care tests for bacterial and viral infections to be delivered? **Not applicable**
4. Which bacterial or viral infections do you test for specifically? a) MRSA, b) C.diff, c) E.coli, d) CPE, e) any others? **We do not test for bacterial or viral infections using Point of Care Testing Equipment**