

**Urine test strip Competency**

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE ID:</b>	<b>POSITION:</b>	<b>DEPT:</b>
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Competency: Performs under supervision: **1**. Performs without supervision: **2**

<b>Using the MultiStix-8 or Combur-8 urine test strips</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>
The staff member can demonstrate the following procedures:	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /
a) Follows the directions on the container exactly.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
b) Checks expiry date on the bottle before proceeding.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
c) Understands the importance of keeping the container tightly sealed.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
d) Understands why it is important that the test strip is used immediately after removal from the bottle and that the cap is replaced tightly on the bottle immediately after use.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
e) Does not touch any of the test areas on the strip.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
f) Uses thoroughly mixed <u>fresh urine</u> less than 2 hours old.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
g) Dips test strip briefly (no more than 1 second) into the urine.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
h) Wipes side-edge of test strip along rim of vessel to remove excess urine.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
i) Waits <u>stipulated time</u> before comparing each test strip colour with colour scales on the label.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
j) Treats test strip and sample with Universal Precautions.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
k) Keeps colour scales and outside of container free from urine contamination.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
l) Understands the implications and limitations of nitrite testing: <b>diet</b> ; as well as time since last void- (must be <b>greater than 4 hours</b> for a meaningful result); <b>uniform colour</b> not blotches of colour; knows that a negative nitrites result does not rule out a UTI, that a positive nitrites is indicative of a gram negative infection only.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
m) Knows the procedure to follow if the results are inconsistent: repeats with <u>fresh specimen</u> ; confirms with lab if results still inconsistent.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>For assistance, contact the CHLabs POCT Coordinator, 81850 or 0274 973 645.</b>					
POCT OPERATOR SIGNATURE					
COMPETENCY TRAINER NAME & SIGNATURE					