Glucose Monitoring
SKILLS COMPETENCY CHECKLIST
NP&P 15.1

Instructions for Instructor/Peer Reviewers:

The Glucose Monitoring Skills Competency Checklist is performed by licensed nurses on an annual basis. Check off each one as the user demonstrates or describes each activity. Use applicable Nursing Policy & Procedure 15.1 or the appropriate Glucose Monitoring User’s Guidebook as a reference when checking off these skills. Comments or recommendations for further instruction may be written in the spaces provided.

[ ] Assembles needed equipment.

[ ] Describes how to get related supplies.

[ ] Describes how to check code functions/numbers.

[ ] Demonstrates patient test procedure: checking code numbers; finger stick; use of test strip in the monitor; recording results.

[ ] Describes use of memory function on the monitor.

[ ] Demonstrates quality control testing; when it is indicated; how to do it; how to record it.

[ ] Demonstrates proper cleaning procedure.

[ ] Describes troubleshooting procedures; error codes; low/high codes; battery.

User Signature _______________________________ Employee# ____________ Date: ______

Instructor/Peer Reviewer Signature _______________________________ Date: ______

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Accu-Check Written Test 2010

1. How often are routine quality controls performed on the Accu-Check Advantage Monitor when the Accu-Check is in use on a daily basis?
   a. Daily
   b. Weekly
   c. Every shift
   d. Monthly

2. According to the Accu-Check Manual when should you run a glucose control test?
   a. After cleaning the monitor
   b. Before adjusting the patient's medication based on the monitor's results
   c. If the monitor has been dropped
   d. If the cap has been left off the vial of test strips
   e. When opening a new box of test strips
   f. If you have a result that does not reflect how the patient feels or you suspect the results are not accurate
   g. All of the above

3. Notify Physician or APRN if blood glucose levels are <70 or >350, unless there is a medical clinician order, which directs otherwise.  
   TRUE      FALSE

4. The monitor is cleaned when the meter is turned off.  
   TRUE      FALSE

5. Clean the monitor with a bleach and water solution or 70% alcohol solution.  
   TRUE      FALSE

6. If a glucose level is <80, the nurse leaves a voicemail message to that effect on the Pharmacy ADR Hotline (ext.2377)  
   TRUE      FALSE

7. A battery light displays in the lower left hand corner of the monitor, this indicates the monitor is not fully charged. 
   TRUE      FALSE

8. Test solutions should be dated upon opening and are good for three months after opening or until the expiration date.  
   TRUE      FALSE

9. The trouble shooting information for the Accu-Check Advantage Monitor is located:
   a. In the Accu-Check Manual
   b. In the Nursing Supervisor office
   c. At the Operators desk

10. When performing blood glucose test touch and hold the blood drop to the edge not the top of the yellow window. If you still see yellow, you can apply another drop of blood within ____________ seconds or start over with a new test strip.

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