Point of Care Testing (POC)
Observation/Auditing

This audit tool can be used to conduct observations/audits of healthcare personnel (HCP) performing point of care testing.

Element to be assessed	Yes	No	Notes/Plan of Correction
Clean supplies accessed in a manner to prevent contamination (e.g., is the test strip container accessed with clean hands from the clean supply cart prior to entering the patient/resident treatment area)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	
HCP perform hand hygiene before performing POC.	☐ Yes	☐ No	
HCP wear gloves when performing POC.	☐ Yes	☐ No	
New fingerstick device used for each patient/resident. Note: This refers to both the lancet and any reusable lancet holders. Reusable lancet holders should not be used for more than one patient/resident, even if the lancet itself is changed.	☐ Yes	☐ No	
Reusable fingerstick devices are used in the facility?	☐ Yes	☐ No	
• Is the device used **by the patient/resident** to perform self-monitoring of blood glucose?	☐ Yes	☐ No	
• Is the device **dedicated for use only on a single patient/resident** (e.g., discarded after they are discharged or given to them to take home)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	
HCP remove gloves and perform hand hygiene after the procedure.	☐ Yes	☐ No	
POC blood testing meter cleaned and disinfected after every use according to manufacturer's instructions.	☐ Yes	☐ No	
Is there a process so HCP know the meter has been cleaned and disinfected?	☐ Yes	☐ No	
POC blood testing meter handled and stored in a manner to prevent recontamination after cleaning and disinfection.	☐ Yes	☐ No	
For individual meters, the meter is labeled and stored to prevent cross contamination or use by another patient/resident.	☐ Yes	☐ No	