

# Critical Blood Glucose

**CBG <20 or >500 require a venous sample to be collected NOW and sent to the lab.**

- ❑ This is to verify the elevated CBG and provide an accurate glucose level.
- ❑ The lab glucose order will fire automatically.
- ❑ The order is for a **nurse collect**; the nurse must collect and send to the lab within 1.5 hours of the original CBG.
  - ❑ Lab should be collected by the nurse at the bedside.
  - ❑ If there are barriers to the nurse collecting the lab on the unit, contact phlebotomy.
- ❑ The first out-of-range result each day, must be verified by a Lab-performed serum glucose. The clock starts at 0000 (midnight).



# Specimen Labeling



All specimens must be labeled correctly before sending to the lab.

Long label goes on specimen container

Color of lab tube for this specimen

Type of specimen source (blood, urine, etc.)

Extra labels, place in confidential shred bin unless in the OR where unused labels will be placed in the bag and sent to the lab

1. Place the correct label on the appropriate tube.
2. The specimen label tells you which tube to place label on.
3. Place unused labels in confidential shred bin unless in the OR where unused labels will be placed in the bag and sent to the lab.

**Reminders:**

- Verify 2 positive patient identifiers (Name and Date of Birth preferred).
- Scan armband at patients bedside.
- Place labels on specimen and scan while in the patients presence. This should be done prior to specimen being sent to the lab.

**Do Not:**

- Just place labels in bag
- Stick labels to the bag
- Place label upside down or vertically around specimen.
- Send specimens to the lab with wrinkled labels.

1. Label is applied directly over the manufacturer's label.
2. Label is read from left to right from the tube cap.
3. Label is applied straight from the tube cap downward.
4. Label is flat and without wrinkles.

# Mission Hospital: Isolation Cart Restock

*Please restock carts as needed with the unit supply of PPE before reaching out for additional supplies from Equipment Distribution.*

*Carts can be shared between more than one patient; Each patient does not need a card outside their room.*

If isolation carts are needed due to a high number of isolated patients, PPE supply is running low, or there are excess carts on the unit, please contact Equipment Distribution via one of the methods provided below:

## Mission Hospital Equipment Distribution Phone Number

(828) 213-0200

## HCA ServiceCentral Medical Equipment Request:

Under "Requesting Equipment", select **Add**

**Equipment Type:** Other

**Quantity:** # of Carts Needed

**Request Priority:** How Quickly Needed

**Save, then type "Isolation Cart(s)" in the Additional Comments section**



Requesting Equipment						
Add		Remove All				
Actions	Equipment Type	Equipment Sub Type	Additional Equipment Details	Equipment Manufacturer	Quantity	Equipment
	Other				1	Critical/Urg
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Isolation Cart						



## New Product at Mission Hospital: Sara Flex lift – Rehab use only

- The acute rehab department at Mission Hospital now has access to the Sara Flex lift
- Physical and occupational therapy will determine patient appropriateness for use of this product
- Nursing staff should **NOT** attempt to use this product with patients
- Sling attachments are reusable and need to be cleaned between patients. If a sling is found, please contact the rehab department at 828-213-8660.



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# Non-Sterile Ultrasound Gel Expiration Date

**Non-sterile ultrasound gel is now only able to be used for 28 days after opening.**

- ❑ Per policy: Non-sterile ultrasound gel is discarded within **28 days of opening**, according to product IFU, or the manufacturer's expiration date, whichever is earliest. **Bottles of gel are labeled upon opening.**

- ❑ **Do NOT Use Nonsterile Gel (bottled ultrasound gel)**
  - **Never** use nonsterile bottled ultrasound gel for procedures involving skin puncture or surgical sites.
  - Do not use nonsterile ultrasound gel for **pre-procedure visualization**

**Policy:** [Viewing Safe Handling of Non-prescription Gels, Lotions, Liquids, Creams, Ointments and Salves Used in the Medical Setting, IC.IP.0005](#)

