

	Policy:	Lab- Capillary Blood Glucose
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Procedure:

Capillary Blood Glucose by approved methodology will be done on the following patients:

Indications:

To determine baseline glucose status in patients with a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus and for signs and symptoms suggestive of hypoglycaemia, including one or more of the following:

- Altered LOC
- Confusion, agitation, behavioural changes
- Recent or active seizure
- Suspicion of alcohol ingestion
- Syncopal event
- Listless, lethargic, fatigued

Contraindications:

- None

Guidelines:

- Confirm with serum glucose.

References:

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2. Tintinelli, J.E., Eelen, G.D and Stapczynski, J.S. *Emergency Medicine: A Comprehensive Study Guide, 6th Edition 2004*

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