**POINT OF CARE TESTING**

**What is Point of Care Testing (POCT)?**

POCT is testing performed by nurses, research assistants, lab assistants or physicians at the patient bedside (in the presence of the patient) and usually includes testing such as Accuchek, i-STAT, pregnancy testing, urine dipstick, etc.

**Who can perform POCT?**

If this testing is performed by anyone other than the clinical laboratory staff, this is a Point of Care Test and must be conducted under the oversight of the Point of Care Executive Committee. At times, a sponsor will provide equipment, supplies or test kits; **the POCT must still be under the oversight of the Point of Care Executive Committee to comply with CLIA, as well as our accrediting body.**

**Examples of POCT:**

Blood glucose

UA/urine dipstick

Hgb A1C

Pregnancy test

INR

ACT

Hematocrit (HCT)

i-STAT

BMP

Electrolytes (Lytes)

Creatinine

**If your study requires POCT, please check the POCT box on the Laboratory Agreement and Utilization Worksheet and indicate the test(s) and specific locations the tests will be performed.**