

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



Standard Operating Procedures

Policy Name: Clinical Diagnostic Testing

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Authority:
Commissioner

Originating Division:
Executive Division
(Physical Health)

Access Listing:
Level I: All Access

I. Introduction and Summary:

Access to necessary diagnostic services will be provided to offenders as requested by physicians or other approved health care providers. This policy is applicable to all facilities that house Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) offenders to include private and county prisons.

II. Authority:

A. O.C.G.A. §31-13-1, *et seq.*;

B. Ga. Comp. R. & Reg. 125-4-4-.05;

C. Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment of 1988 (Public Law 100-578);

D. GDC Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs): 507.04.19 Receiving Screening, 507.04.09 Hospital and Specialized Ambulatory Care, 507.04.10 Consultations and Procedures, 507.04.11 Referrals for Outside Health Care Services, 507.04.80 Radiology Services, 507.04.81 Scope of Laboratory Services, 507.04.82 Waivered Laboratory/Provider Performed Microscopy, and 507.04.83 Laboratory Safety;

E. NCCHC 2018 Adult Standard: P-D-04; and

F. ACA Standard: 5-ACI-6A-25.

III. Definitions: None.

IV. Statement of Policy and Applicable Procedure:

A. Access to diagnostic services will be made available through internal or external resources.

1. Diagnostic services include, but are not limited to:

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- a. Clinical laboratory services for blood, urine, body fluids, and tissue analysis.
 - b. Diagnostic radiology and radiologic interpretation services.
 - c. Electrocardiographic, electromyographic, and electroencephalographic services and interpretation of examinations.
2. Facility laboratory services will include but not be limited to:
- a. Finger-stick blood glucose test.
 - b. Multiple-test dipstick urinalysis.
 - c. Peak flow meter measurements.
 - d. Stool blood-testing material.
 - e. Microscope for wet mounts (at women's facilities).
3. Laboratory services will be provided in compliance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment of 1988 (CLIA) Standards.
4. A reference laboratory will be used for other tests required to provide adequate services.
5. Laboratory and radiographic procedures require an order by a physician or other provider authorized by law to give orders.
6. A tracking system will be developed to monitor the completion of all tests ordered and will ensure the timely return of laboratory reports.

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7. All laboratory and radiographic procedures will be performed in a timely manner and original copies of test results placed in the health record. All normal and abnormal test results will be reviewed and initialed by a clinician.
8. Radiographic procedures will be provided in accordance with 507.04.80, Radiology Services.
9. Laboratory procedures will be provided in accordance with 507.04.81, Scope of Laboratory Services; 507.04.82, Waivered Laboratory/Provider Performed Microscopy; and 507.04.83, Laboratory Safety.

V. **Attachments:** None.

VI. **Record Retention of Forms Relevant to this Policy:** None.