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## POCT Link Trainer Guide - Foetal Fibronectin

This document summarises the key points which should be covered by link trainers during training of POCT Foetal Fibronectin (fFN) using the Hologic Perilynx System

<u>Purpose</u>	<ul> <li>The Perilynx is used to detect fFN in cervicovaginal secretions</li> <li>fFN is associated with preterm delivery</li> </ul>
Sample requirements	<ul> <li>Cervicovaginal swab using specimen collection kit</li> <li>Samples should be tested as soon as possible after collection</li> </ul>
Calibration	Carried out by POCT with every new lot number of cassettes
Quality Control	<ul> <li>The QCette must be run daily</li> <li>Run QCette</li> <li>Enter Operator ID</li> <li>Enter QCettte ID</li> <li>Insert QCette</li> <li>Place result sticker in result log</li> <li>FAIL / INVALID = repeat QCette steps</li> <li>Liquid QC is run monthly by POCT</li> </ul>
Patient / sample preparation	<ul> <li>Gain positive patient identification and (when possible) consent</li> <li>Wear PPE</li> <li>A swab should be taken from the posterior fornix of the vagina during a speculum examination</li> <li>Immerse sample swab in the tube of buffer provided with the Specimen Collection Kit</li> <li>Snap off the swab at the top of the tube</li> <li>Align the snapped off swab with the hole in the lid and push down tightly to seal the tube</li> <li>Gently mix the tube</li> </ul>

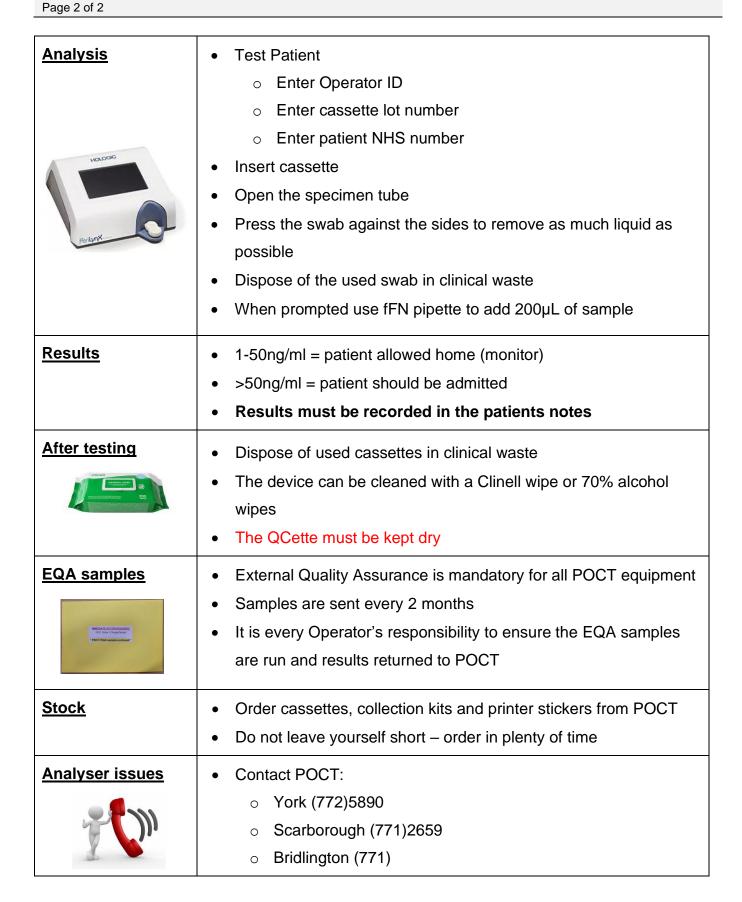
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