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Laboratory Services

Specimen Collection Manual

**Application of Band-Aids
Following Capillary Punctures**

I. PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for laboratory personnel to follow when placing Band-Aids on fingers following capillary puncture.

II. PROCEDURE:

- A. Children four (4) years of age and over may have a Band-Aid placed on the finger following a capillary puncture.
- B. Any child three (3) years of age and under should not have a Band-Aid placed on the finger unless the parent (or other responsible adult) or nursing staff member is present to monitor the child.
- C. If a Band-Aid is placed on a finger, the laboratory staff member should inform the person accepting responsibility for the patient of the application of the Band-Aid and the potential hazard of ingestion.



- D. If no one is available to accept responsibility for monitoring the child, a Band-Aid must not be used. The laboratory staff member must hold pressure on the puncture site until the bleeding has stopped.
- E. Only large Band-Aids should be used on finger punctures. The small Band-Aids are easier for a child to bite off and ingest.