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### **PURPOSE:**

To outline the steps involved in processing the Indirect Coomb's Test or Indirect Antiglobulin Test.

### SCOPE:

Applies to all Blood Bank Section Staff of Laboratory Department of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital (DPOTMH)

#### PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Medical Technologist (Medical Laboratory Scientist), Nurses, Clerks

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- Attending physician shall order Indirect Coomb's Test / Indirect Antiglobulin Test and request shall be encoded on the computer by the Nurse-in-charge.
- A fresh blood sample shall be taken and collected in a red top / plain blood collecting tube.
- Impervious gloves and proper protective equipment (PPE) / clothing shall be worn in adherence to Infection Prevention and Control Unit Protocol.
- Specimens collected shall be considered as biohazard material.
- Proper patient identification shall be strictly observed by identifying the patient by their complete name and birthdate. Tubes shall be properly labeled with patient's complete name for it is crucial and needs emphasis in clinical settings.



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### PROCEDURE:

- The Medical Technologist prepares a 2% red cell suspension of type "O" Rh Positive by washing for three (3) times with normal saline solution (0.1 mL red cell suspension + 4.9 mL saline)
- 2. The Medical Technologist get 2 drops of 2% red cell suspension and place in a test tube. Add two (2) drops of patient's serum.
- 3. Spin for 1 minute.
- 4. Incubate at 37°C for 15 minutes.
- 5. Spin for 1 minute.
- 6. Wash thee (3) times with normal saline solution (NSS).
- Decant completely after the third/last wash. Add two (2) drops of Coomb's reagent then spin for 1 minute.
- 8. Examine microscopically for agglutination.

## Interpretation:

**POSITIVE** - with Agglutination **NEGATIVE** - No agglutination



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	KEY TASKS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1.	Prepares a 2% red cell suspension of type "O" Rh Positive by washing for three (3) times with normal saline solution (0.1 mL red cell suspension + 4.9 mL saline)	
2.	Gets 2 drops of 2% red cell suspension and place in a test tube. Adds two (2) drops of patient's serum.	
3.	Spins for 1 minute. Incubates at 37° C for 15 minutes.	Medical Technologist
4.	Spins for 1 minute and washes thee (3) times with normal saline solution (NSS).	
5.	Decants completely after the third/last wash. Adds two (2) drops of Coomb's reagent then spin for 1 minute.	
6.	Examines microscopically for agglutination.	



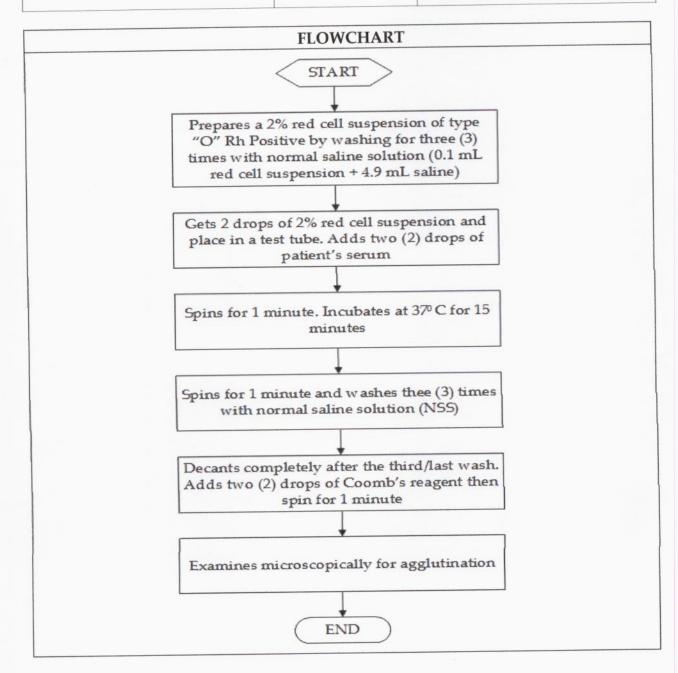
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