

Point-of-Care Testing Policy

The American Academy of Family Physicians believes that point-of-care testing, performed in physician offices, offers timely diagnostics that can improve patient-centered care. Point-of-care tests should be accurate, reliable, and readily available for family physicians to provide their patients.

Family physicians should have access to accurate and reliable point-of-care testing to expand patient access and to improve management of acute and chronic medical conditions. This may also decrease costs due to fewer referrals for specialty care and to emergency departments. (BOD 4/25/20)