This protocol is for trained CIP Paramedics only. If during assessment, procedure, or treatment the patient is found to have a medical emergency in need of hospital treatment, the CIP visit will be suspended, and local MCA protocols utilized.

Purpose: Provide guidelines for CIP paramedics to perform advanced point of care testing at patient’s side with a CLIA waived device that performs blood analysis. This protocol was designed around the use of the Abbot i-STAT system and Piccolo Xpress system. Always follow manufacturer instructions.

Aliases: Handheld blood analyzer, portable clinical analyzer, i-STAT, Piccolo

1. Indications
   1. Physician’s order
   2. CIP Patients who require point of care testing to guide treatment.
2. Contraindications
   1. Not CLIA waived
3. Equipment
   1. CLIA waived point of care testing device with appropriate CLIA waived cartridges for testing.
   2. Appropriate equipment for specific device.
4. Procedure
   1. Obtain appropriate blood sample.
   2. Follow device’s instructions for use.
5. Documentation see CIP Documentation protocol
   1. Additionally: cartridges utilized and test results