1. **Principle**

The Galileo NEO is a microprocessor-controlled instrument designed to fully automate immunohematology in vitro diagnostic testing of human blood.

The Galileo NEO automates test processing, result interpretation, and data management functions. The Galileo NEO is designed to automate standard immunohematology assays using a micro-well strip-based platform.

The Galileo NEO uses Solid Phase Capture Technology for Antibody detection/identification, DAT, Weak D and compatibility testing. Standard micro-well hemagglutination is used for ABO and Rh (D) testing.

1. **Scope and Related Policies- N/A**
2. **Specimen**

EDTA anticoagulated whole blood, centrifuged. Red blood cell samples collected with the following anticoagulants and additives can also be tested on the Galileo NEO: EDTA, ACD, CPD, CPDA-1, CP2D, heparin, AS-1, AS-3, AS-5, and the combinations of CPD with AS-1, CPD with AS-3, and CPD with AS-5.

Samples that exhibit excessive hemolysis, lipemia or are icteric should not be tested on the Galileo NEO. Samples that exhibit a hemolysis grade of 3+ or greater must not be tested on the Galileo NEO because they may generate erroneous results.

For assays using Capture-R® Select, do not use hemolyzed samples of grade 1+ or greater for creating a monolayer. Fragmented red blood cell membranes will interfere with monolayer formation.

1. **Material**

Equipment: Immucor Galileo NEO

Supplies: Galileo NEO Tool Kit

 Reader Verification Plate

 Washer Verification Tool

 Pipettor Verification Tool

 Virkon

 Stir balls

 70% Isopropyl alcohol

 Distilled water

 Unbuffered saline

 Plate Carriers

 Reagent/Donor/Sample racks

Reagents: Anti-A series 1

 Anti-B series 3

 Anti-D series 4

 Anti-D series 5

 Monoclonal control

 Reverse A1 and B cells

 Capture LISS

 DAT control cells

 CMT strips

 Greiner ABO plates

 Capture-R ready-Screen (3)

 Capture-R Ready-ID, Extend I & II

 Capture-R Select

 Capture-R Indicator Cells

 CorQc Extend & Extend Standard

 Capture-R serum controls

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1. **Quality Control**

Quality Control on the ABD mono & reverse grouping and the Capture-R Ready Screen strips must be run once every 24 hours or whenever there is a change in lot number or major maintenance is done. This time frame has been configured within the software and cannot be over-ridden at any time.

1. **Procedure**
	1. Refer to “Performing a Run on the Galileo NEO.”
2. **Reporting- N/A**
3. **Procedural Notes**
	1. The Galileo NEO must be switched on at least thirty minutes prior to the first assay being run to allow the lamp to warm up.
	2. The Night Technologist will run the daily QC.
	3. Initialization and daily maintenance must be done every 24 hours.
	4. All reagents and specimens should be allowed to come to ambient temperature prior to use.
	5. Immucor requires the use of phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) prepared by adding pHix to commercially-prepared unbuffered saline. PHix is a concentrated solution of dissolved monopotassium and dipotassium salts. The addition of pHix to unbuffered saline, in the proper proportions, will bring the pH to a range of 6.9 to 7.2
	6. At least 250 μL of packed red blood cells need to be present in a sample tube to ensure that the probe picks up red blood cells and not plasma (only for those assays that require red blood cells).
	7. At least 500 μL of plasma or serum needs to be present in a sample tube to ensure that the probe picks up plasma or serum respectively.
	8. Samples run with the red blood cell antibody identification assays require approximately 1 mL of plasma or serum.
	9. Capture-R® Ready Indicator Red Cells can be used no more than 24 hours after a stir ball has been added to the vial. Vials of reagents other than Indicator Red Cells that have remained continuously on the Galileo NEO for 72 hours (3 days) should be removed and replaced with fresh vials. Vials of reagents other than Indicator Red Cells that are removed from the Galileo NEO when not in use and refrigerated can be used up to their expiration dates.
	10. DAT control cells expire 7 days after being open and loaded on the analyzer.
	11. All RBC reagents require addition of a stir ball prior to being loaded onto the NEO.
4. **References**

9.1 Galileo NEO Operator Manual