

# QUALITY CONTROL

For use with the RNA Medical, Inc.  
**CC 527 Blood Gas/Electrolyte Controls**  
For use with CC, BG, and H3 Cartridges  
The attached 2D bar codes are to be used by your IRMA\*

**RNA MEDICAL CC 527  
BLOOD GAS /  
ELECTROLYTE CONTROL  
KIT LOT# 833555  
LEVEL 1 LOT 83325  
LEVEL 2 LOT 83425  
LEVEL 3 LOT 83525  
EXP. 01/20**

For Software 3.0.11 and higher.

**Please refer to the package insert for specific information about this control material.**

### Introduction & Intended Use

With the IRMA Blood Analysis System, Quality Control can be performed through two methods: electronic and liquid controls.

It is important to follow RNA's recommended procedures for storage and equilibration of the control material prior to analysis on the IRMA Analyzer.

### Instructions for Use

Equilibrate ampules at room temperature (18-25°C) for at least 8 hours before use.

- Hold the ampule by its tip and shake it vigorously for 10 seconds. Tap the liquid back into the base of the ampule and set down until ready to use.
- Enter User ID (optional) at the display prompt on the IRMA Analyzer.
- Initiate the Quality Control Test Sequence.
- Open the foil pouch and remove the cartridge.
- Remove the protective tape from the cartridge.
- Insert the cartridge into the analyzer.
- Verify or enter the cartridge information at the display prompt.

- Select the control from the list of established controls.
- After calibration is complete, carefully snap open the control ampule.  
  
To avoid cuts, protect your fingers with tissue or gloves, or use an ampule breaker.
- Slowly draw ~1 mL of control into a 1mL syringe, or nearly the entire ampule contents into a 2 or 3 mL syringe using an 18 – 20 gauge needle. Place the needle opening below the liquid surface when drawing to minimize air contamination. When done, remove the needle from the syringe.
- Do not attempt to invert the syringe or expel bubbles from the syringe after drawing up the control solution.
- Remove the luer cap from the cartridge and firmly attach the syringe to the luer port. Inject all but the last syringe contents into the cartridge, taking care not to inject air bubbles into the sample path and press "test" to initiate the analysis.

### Expected Analyzer Performance

The values on the Expected Values Chart are based on the results of multiple sample analysis. Samples were introduced using a 1 cc syringe, with an 18 gauge needle, after cartridge equilibration at 22°C (72°F) for a minimum of 8 hours.

Use the expected values for each parameter as a guide in evaluating performance. Since performance is subject to sample temperature and environmental barometric pressure, LifeHealth recommends that each institution establish its own expected values and acceptable limits. The mean values established at your institution should fall within the expected ranges.

### Notes and Limitations

In establishing the values shown on the Expected Values Chart, samples were analyzed after equilibration at 22°C (72°F) for a minimum of 8 hours. The pCO<sub>2</sub> and pO<sub>2</sub> values vary inversely with temperature by approximately one percent per degree Celsius. Refer to Temperature Correction for information to adjust pCO<sub>2</sub> and pO<sub>2</sub> ranges for operating outside of the 21-23°C temperature range.

In establishing the values shown in Expected Values, samples are analyzed at approximately 760 mmHg. The pO<sub>2</sub> values decrease by approximately 2.3% per 100 mmHg and the pCO<sub>2</sub> values decrease by 1% at the same atmospheric conditions.<sup>4</sup>

### Temperature Correction

It has been reported the pCO<sub>2</sub> and pO<sub>2</sub> results were inversely affected by temperature.<sup>2,3</sup> If your laboratory routinely operates in the 18-20°C (64-68°F) or 24-25°C (75-77°F) range or experiences seasonal variations in temperature, you can adjust the ranges to account for these temperature effects, as shown below.

For example, if your room temperature is typically 24-25°C and the range in the Expected Values Chart for pO<sub>2</sub>, level 3 is 135.0 – 155.0, you can adjust the range as follows:

Lower limit: 135.0 – 3.8 = 131.2  
Upper limit: 155.0 – 3.8 = 151.2  
Adjusted range = 131.2 – 151.2

Temperature Correction for pCO<sub>2</sub> and pO<sub>2</sub>

	Level	18-20°C	21-23°C	24-25°C
pCO <sub>2</sub>	1	+ 2.2	no change	- 1.8
pO <sub>2</sub>	1	+ 2.5	no change	- 2.1
pO <sub>2</sub>	2	+ 3.5	no change	- 3.0
pO <sub>2</sub>	3	+ 4.6	no change	- 3.8

### References

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### Expected Values Chart

#### Level 1:

pH	<b>7.132 – 7.192</b>
pCO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	<b>68.1 – 84.1</b>
pO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	<b>61.1 – 81.1</b>
Na+ (mmol/L)	<b>113.2 – 123.2</b>
K+ (mmol/L)	<b>2.38 – 3.38</b>
iCa (mmol/L)	<b>1.40 – 1.60</b>

#### Level 2:

pH	<b>7.403 – 7.463</b>
pCO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	<b>40.9 – 50.9</b>
pO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	<b>100.1 – 120.1</b>
Na+ (mmol/L)	<b>135.2 – 145.2</b>
K+ (mmol/L)	<b>4.40 – 5.40</b>
iCa (mmol/L)	<b>1.04 – 1.24</b>

#### Level 3:

pH	<b>7.622 – 7.682</b>
pCO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	<b>16.5 – 26.5</b>
pO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	<b>144.3 – 164.3</b>
Na+ (mmol/L)	<b>154.1 – 164.1</b>
K+ (mmol/L)	<b>6.30 – 7.30</b>
iCa (mmol/L)	<b>0.58 – 0.78</b>

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