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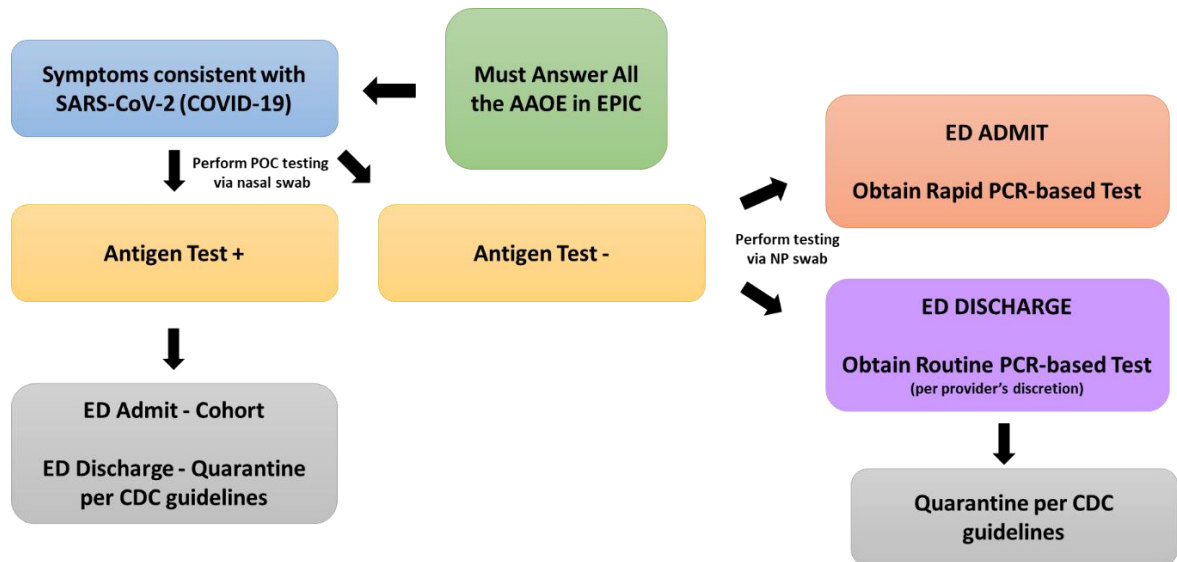
Laboratory Bulletin

SAR-CoV-2 Antigen Test, Point of Care, Emergency Centers

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Beamont Laboratory will be deploying SARS-CoV-2 point of care **antigen** testing in emergency departments across the system to combat the rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. The SARS-CoV-2 antigen test is a 15 minute test that can diagnose COVID-19 in **SYMPTOMATIC** patients. Providers must order the test in Epic oneChart and answer order-entry questions required by the state. A positive SARS-CoV-2 antigen test in symptomatic patients should be considered a true positive, and results do not need to be confirmed with a PCR-based test. Negative results from symptomatic patients should be treated as presumptive negative and followed up with a PCR-based test, if necessary. The proposed workflow for SARS-CoV-2 antigen testing is shown in the chart below.

Test Information:

Name:	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), Point of Care	*Order Code:*	LAB8484
CPT Code:	87426	*Specimen:*	Nasal swab (dry)

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