

DPNCheck®

Program Implementation Guide

CLINIC STAFF/STAND-ALONE CLINIC



DPNCheck 2.0 (Model NC-040)

Let's get started! The DPNCheck® device provides a rapid, objective and accurate test for detecting and staging peripheral neuropathy.


Upon receipt of your DPNCheck device, immediately insert the provided battery into the device and apply the gray foam to the back of the device per the directions on the foam package. A USB cord is also provided within the packaging for PC communication.

Install Battery



- Remove battery door with thumb/finger at arrow
- Insert the CR123A battery, match +/- to indicators

Apply Gray Foam



- Remove brown liner (stickier), align with device.
- Remove white liner and keep for protection of foam when not in use.

Please save the envelope of printed training documents that have been provided within the device package.

Documents include:

- DPNCheck Reference Guide
- Patient Positioning Guide
- Sural Nerve Interpretation Guide

If the materials have been inadvertently discarded, or additional downloadable copies are needed, all resource and educational documents are available in a digital format at the online resource center: www.DPNCheck.com/training

Staff Training Checklist

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To introduce DPNCheck to the local team, NeuroMetrix has developed an easy to learn library of online videos, appropriate for both clinical and non-clinical staff. Your corporate office has been trained on the device and has appointed a “Program Lead” for each clinic. The Program Lead will support local training activities with your team. Instruct the local team to view the training videos within a specified timeframe and encourage them to collect additional questions or areas that would benefit from further explanation and a live demonstration.

What is covered in the online training video?

- The DPNCheck Value Proposition
- Successful Patient Testing
 - Position
 - Preparation
 - Placement
- Test Result Indicators: *Amplitude and Conduction Velocity*
- DPNCheck Troubleshooting
- Device Maintenance, Cleaning & Reuse
- Online Resources & Partner Support

For staff convenience, the training videos can be viewed based upon the local implementation timeline. A detailed Training slide deck has also been provided as support for additional in-service meetings that will be conducted by the appointed Program Lead. All training videos can be accessed from the DPNCheck Video Training Library website here: www.DPNCheck.com/training/videos

Or directly from the linked titles below:

- [Device Training](#) (18 minutes)
- [Live Device Patient Demonstration](#) (12 minutes)
- [Training Slide Deck](#) (PDF download)

At the end of the two (2) staff training videos, the local team should understand the device and how to conduct a patient test. Staff should have a good basis to advance to Step #2 of training which is live practice.

Typically, Step #1 is successfully completed within the first ten (10) days of receiving the DPNCheck device.

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The appointed local Program Lead will conduct a live in-service demonstrating the DPNCheck device and a patient test, allowing time for staff Q&A. After which, staff is encouraged to practice on each other. We recommend each site begins with a minimum of two (2) training kits of 25 biosensors per device to ensure that all staff members have several opportunities to practice using the device on different subjects and walking thru the testing protocol. The Program Lead provides real-time coaching to staff to ensure that confidence and competency is instilled in performing an end-to-end patient test.

At the conclusion of this *internal* practice step, staff members conducting patient tests should have a comprehensive understanding of the device and the ability to accurately perform a patient test and record results. Testing staff should be well-versed on positioning patients, demonstrate the ability to read and record the patient test results, and troubleshoot errors that may intermittently occur, using the provided reference materials for support.

Staff should also be familiar with standard device maintenance tasks for optimal upkeep.

Typically, Step #2 is successfully completed within days 11-20 of receiving the DPNCheck device.



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As the final step of staff training, the local Program Lead will accompany each testing medical staff member as they perform the DPNCheck test on their first patient. The Program Lead will ensure that the medical staff is performing the DPNCheck test correctly end-to-end, including patient interactions and properly setting patient expectations.

Quick reminders while preparing the patient for a DPNCheck test:

- Notify the patient that their doctor has ordered the test to check their nerve health
- The test takes approximately 20 seconds to complete
- The device will stimulate at their ankle about 10 times, with each stimulus feeling like a buzz or possibly like a snapping rubber band
- Remind the patient to remain still during the short test
- Ask the patient if they have any questions before the test begins
- Inform the patient when the test will begin

At the conclusion of this training step, passing staff may be awarded a training certificate by the Program Lead recognizing their demonstrated competency in patient testing. **Typically, Step #3 is successfully completed within days 21-31 days of receiving the DPNCheck device.**

***Tip: Helpful online resource documents available for additional support and download:**

www.DPNCheck.com/training

1. DPNCheck Product Brochure
2. DPNCheck 2.0 (Model NC-040) User Manual Online
3. DPNCheck 2.0 Device Reference Guide (includes Troubleshooting & Test Results)
4. DPNCheck Sural Nerve Conduction Guide (*without age/height adjustment*)
5. Patient Positioning Guide

Pro Tips

Maintenance, Cleaning & Reuse:

- The biosensor is intended for single patient use and *must be* changed between each patient.
- The biosensor may be used to test the other leg on the on the **same** patient.
- Unless the foam is contaminated, it does *not* require cleaning. Replace foam when the foam is no longer sticky. Save the foam liner to protect foam when device is not in use.
- Device probes are to be cleaned between each patient test.
 - Wipe away excess gel
 - Check temperature lens between probes for gel and wipe away
- Soft cloth wipe or isopropyl alcohol can be used to clean the device exterior, as needed. Do **not** use strong solvents or abrasive cleaners.
- When cleaning the prongs of the device, remember to start the wipe at the base of the prong and wipe straight and **gently** away from the device. Do **not** twist the wipe on the prong, as there are wires attached to the end of the prongs.

Supply Ordering

Reordering and replenishment of accessories and supplies has been established by your corporate office. It is recommended that one (1) box of back up biosensors, per device, is kept on hand in addition to back up batteries.

Please adhere to your established corporate policy for ordering protocols. If submitting Purchase Orders directly; please be sure complete **and sign** each Purchase Order prior to sending. Please send to Customer Service: customerservice@neurometrix.com. Upon receipt, a confirmation of the order will be acknowledged via email. As an alternative, fax orders can be sent to **781-663-3820**. Successfully processed orders should arrive within 72 business hours. The same PO form can be used for reorders.

NC-040	DPNCheck 2.0 Device (inc: lithium battery & USB cable)
DB-050	DPNCheck 50 Patient Kit (inc: 50 single-use biosensors, gel, prep pads, foam)
2203489	Foam Pad (individually ordered if the adhesive is no longer sticking to the device)
2203492	Lithium Battery (3V disposable Panasonic battery CR123A). <i>*Note: Life of battery varies however, generally conducts ~100 tests</i>
2203564	USB C Cable

***Tip:** Helpful online clinical documents and resources available for download: www.DPNCheck.com/training

1. CLINICAL PROVIDER Education Presentation/Multiple Videos
2. DPNCheck Normative Data
3. CLINICAL PROVIDER Publications
4. Undetectable Result Video
5. Peripheral Neuropathy Patient Brochure

Reporter Software Installation

Your corporate office will provide guidance on the Reporter software installation and configurations. If you have additional questions, please reach out to your local IT lead.

[See Best Practices and Operational Workflows for DPNCheck Reporter](#)

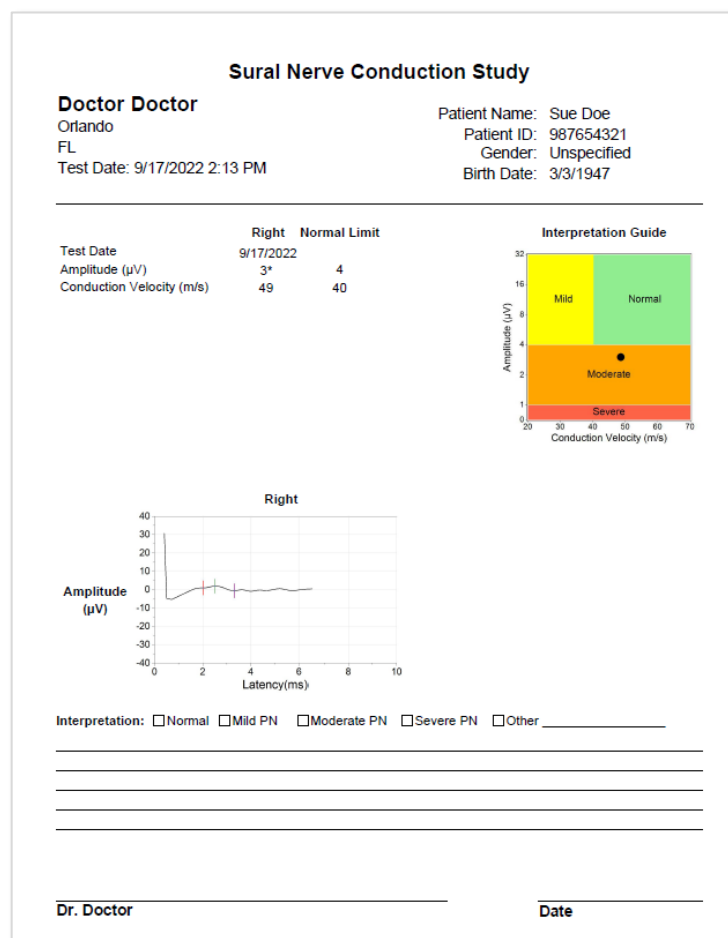
Reporter software provides:

- Hard copy or PDF report with waveforms and patient results
- Automated comparisons to normal limits
- Data archive
- HL7 data output for EMR integration

Note: due to patient privacy, NeuroMetrix personnel are not able to “remote” into Partner systems for troubleshooting.

TEST RESULTS:

The report includes the sural nerve amplitude and conduction velocity, expected “normal” values, and the nerve response waveforms. The report documents the patient’s peripheral nerve function.



Clinical interpretation is typically straightforward. Clinical interpretation is the responsibility of a physician or another appropriately credentialed provider. Please note, if the corporate office has selected settings to adjust for age and height the normative values for amplitude and conduction velocity will vary.

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1. DPNCheck Reporter Software Download
2. DPNCheck Reporter Software User Manual
3. Sural Nerve Conduction Test Report Sample PDF