#### C. Inventory

- 1. Record reagents delivered including lot number and expiration date.
- 2. Inventory Report on stocks/supplies will be done every week (Saturday).
- 3. Stocks with below 30% of original volume must be ordered from the suppliers to ensure availability of the test.

## **Protocol on Handling Complaints and Feedbacks**

### **I.***Understanding the Problem*

- 1. Listen to the customer's/patient's concern.
- Give the customer a chance to air their grievances as soon as possible. Respond quickly and professionally.
- 2. Give the customer an opportunity to explain the problem with interruptions.
- Constantly interrupting the customer will only add fuel to the problem and may end in a shouting match. When they're done, repeat their major points of concern back to them to let them know that you've understood.
- 3. Don't challenge their complaint.
- Even if what the customer is saying has no basis in reality and you immediately want to completely reject everything they've said, don't tell them they are wrong. This won't help you resolve the problem. Instead, let them know that you understand their complaint without agreeing with them.
- 4. Ask questions to clarify the problems and the causes.
- You'll have to identify exactly where the customer ran into an issue. Many times, customers will assess the entire customer service experience negatively, even if they only had a problem with one part of it. Ask them more questions to determine exactly where something went wrong.
- 5. Transfer the customer to someone else if necessary.
- In some cases, you may be unable to handle the customer's complaints directly. If this is the case, immediately transfer them to someone who can, like a manager or customer service specialist. This should be done as soon as you determine the need to transfer, not after you've already asked the customer a ton of questions

#### **II.**Resolving the Issue

- 1. Apologize sincerely
- Extend your regrets that the service or product did not meet the customer's expectations. Make your apology as sincere as possible. Don't automatically take an employee's side against the customer or vice versa. You'll have to investigate the problem further to determine who is at fault.
- 2. Empathize with their problem
- Put yourself in the customer's place. Everyone has experienced bad service at some point. Saying that you understand and feel for the customer's problem will help diffuse a situation. Doing so lets the customer know that you're with them and will work with them to solve the problem at hand.
- Find out how the customer wants the issue resolved

- Simply ask the customer what they want, even if you are unsure if you can provide it. The resolution could be in the form of a replacement, refund, exchange, store credit or discount on price.
- 4. Reassure them that the problem will be taken care of
- Explain to the customer that all feedback by a customer is valued by the company. The customer will be unsure whether or not you will actually solve their problem, so be clear that you intend you reach a mutually beneficial solution.
- 5. Do your best to remedy the complaint.
- If possible, go through with what the customer has asked for. If this is not possible, you should offer them other sufficient solutions that may remedy the issue. Focus on what you can offer them instead of on what you can't. Decide on a solution and execute that solution as quickly as possible.
- 6. Thank the customer
- Express your genuine appreciation to the customer for sharing their complaint. Explain that customer complaints serve as constructive criticism and can allow the company to better serve other customers. Be sure that you include that you hope to serve them again soon.
- 7. Follow up with them
- Call or email the customer to make sure that they felt as though their issue was completely resolved. Give them a contact number to call if they feel as though their problem was not resolved.
- 8. Record the customer interaction
- Write down information regarding the interaction with the customer and how the situation was handled, if applicable. You should also note whether or not the interaction resulted in a resolution of the complaint and what that resolution entailed. Then, compile similar complaints by grouping them under similar categories based on cause or the product/service complained about. From here, you can analyze where you receive the most complaints and look to the resolutions to correct the problem for customers before it arises.

# **Reporting and Analysis of Incident and Adverse Events**

#### A. Incident events

- 1. Something dependent on or subordinate to something else of greater or principal importance.
- 2. **a:** an occurrence of an action or situation that is a separate unit of experience : **HAPPENING b:** an accompanying minor occurrence or condition: **CONCOMITANT**
- 3. An action likely to lead to grave consequences especially in diplomatic matters <a serious border *incident*>

#### B. Adverse events

Adverse events are unwanted and usually harmful outcomes. The event may or may not be related to the Procedure, and is not the same as a <u>side effect</u> or an <u>adverse reaction</u> because it is not always clear whether the situation has caused the event (e.g. typographical errors, mislabelled specimen, etc.).