

LABORATORY ADVISORY BUREAU
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McAllen, Texas 78503
956/631-4232

Proficiency Testing Policy

This Laboratory will participate in an external PT program that covers all analytes performed by this lab. Participation in a PT program will be for at least one year before switching to a new one.

PT specimens are to be treated the same as patient samples. The lab should document all steps taken in PT performance. All records and reports must be maintained for two years.

Successful performance is considered to be passing 80% of all analytes in a subspecialty.

Use the “Proficiency Testing Troubleshooting Checklist” and the “Proficiency Testing Remedial Action Log Sheet” to help resolve and document failed proficiency testing.

For the initial unsuccessful performance, when two out of three failures exist, the laboratory will follow all corrective action necessary to resolve the failure through appropriate training and/or technical assistance.

For unsatisfactory performance in three out of five proficiency events, the laboratory must cease patient testing immediately in the failed (sub) specialty. The laboratory must demonstrate satisfactory performance in two consecutive supplemental proficiency testing events before patient testing is resumed. These supplemental testing events can be requested from any approved proficiency testing company.

The laboratory must record all corrective action for failures in Proficiency Testing, including documentation of training and technical assistance for all personnel involved in patient testing for the failed specialty.

SIGN: _____
Laboratory Director

DATE: _____

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**THIS LABORATORY SUBSCRIBES TO THE FOLLOWING APPROVED
PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM:**

CHOOSE FROM:

College of American Pathologist (CAP) Excel;
5202 Old Orchard Rd.
Skokie, Il 60067-1034

American Association of Bioanalysts (AAB);
205 West Levee
Brownsville, TX 78520

American Society of Internal Medicine (ASIM) M.L.E. Program;
1101 Vermont Ave, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005

Wisconsin's State Laboratory of Hygiene
Surpass' Proficiency Survey;
465 Henry Mall
Madison, WI 53706-1578

American Academy of Family Physicians
Proficiency Testing Service- AAFP PT
8880 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114

American Proficiency Institute (API)
1159 Buisness Park Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686
WWW.API-PT.COM

Use the following forms to document action taken when proficiency results are unacceptable.

The Technical Consultant will review, sign/initial, and date all proficiency survey results.

SIGN: _____
Laboratory Director

DATE: _____