



ASHI PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM

Federal regulations (42 CFR 493.801) concerning proficiency testing require the following.

- The laboratory must examine or test, as applicable, the proficiency testing samples it receives from the proficiency testing program in the same manner as it tests patient specimens.
- The samples must be examined or tested with the laboratory's regular patient workload by personnel who routinely perform the testing in the laboratory, using the laboratory's routine methods. The individual testing or examining the samples and the laboratory director must attest to the routine integration of the samples into the patient workload using the laboratory's routine methods.
- The laboratory must test samples the same number of times that it routinely tests patient samples.
- Laboratories that perform tests on proficiency testing samples must not engage in any inter-laboratory communications pertaining to the results of proficiency testing sample(s) until after the date by which the laboratory must report proficiency testing results to the program for the testing event in which the samples were sent. Laboratories with multiple testing sites or separate locations must not participate in any communications or discussions across sites/locations concerning proficiency testing sample results until after the date by which the laboratory must report proficiency testing results to the program.
- The laboratory must not send PT samples or portions of samples to another laboratory.

ATTESTATION STATEMENT

The undersigned attest that, other than special handling that may have been required due to the nature of proficiency testing materials, these proficiency testing samples were tested in the same manner as patient specimens.

Director/Technical Supervisor (or Designee)

Date

Testing Personnel

Survey ID (e.g., 2017 HT-1)

The laboratory must maintain the attestation statement for a minimum of two years from the date of the proficiency testing event. The ASHI Proficiency Testing Program does not require a copy of the attestation statement.