



**Commissioner's Corner
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Q: If a laboratory performs the same test using different methodologies or instruments, or performs the same test at multiple testing sites, should the laboratory have a system that twice a year evaluates and defines the relationship between test results using the different methodologies, instruments, or testing sites?

A: Yes, the laboratory **must** have a system that twice a year evaluates and defines the relationship between test results using the different methodologies, instruments, or testing sites. - Examples of tests performed using more than one method or instrument include typing by cytotoxicity and DNA, antibody tests by cytotoxicity and solid phase, and crossmatching using two different flow cytometers. Relationships can be evaluated by using the same proficiency test samples and the evaluation must be documented. (ASHI Standard D.6.3.1.1)