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(E) A working knowledge of reagent stability and storage; 
(F) The skills required to implement the quality control policies and procedures of the laboratory; 
(G) An awareness of the factors that influence test results; and 
(H) The skills required to assess and verify the validity of patient test results through the evaluation of quality control sample values prior to reporting patient test results.


§ 493.1425 Standard; Testing personnel responsibilities.

The testing personnel are responsible for specimen processing, test performance, and for reporting test results. 

(a) Each individual performs only those moderate complexity tests that are authorized by the laboratory director and require a degree of skill commensurate with the individual’s education, training or experience, and technical abilities. 

(b) Each individual performing moderate complexity testing must—

1. Follow the laboratory’s procedures for specimen handling and processing, test analyses, reporting and maintaining records of patient test results; 
2. Maintain records that demonstrate that proficiency testing samples are tested in the same manner as patient samples; 
3. Adhere to the laboratory’s quality control policies, document all quality control activities, instrument and procedural calibrations and maintenance performed; 
4. Follow the laboratory’s established corrective action policies and procedures whenever test systems are not within the laboratory’s established acceptable levels of performance; 
5. Be capable of identifying problems that may adversely affect test performance or reporting of test results and either must correct the problems or immediately notify the technical consultant, clinical consultant or director; and 
6. Document all corrective actions taken when test systems deviate from the laboratory’s established performance specifications. 

LABORATORIES PERFORMING HIGH COMPLEXITY TESTING

§ 493.1441 Condition: Laboratories performing high complexity testing; laboratory director.

The laboratory must have a director who meets the qualification requirements of §493.1443 of this subpart and provides overall management and direction in accordance with §493.1445 of this subpart.

§ 493.1443 Standard; Laboratory director qualifications.

The laboratory director must be qualified to manage and direct the laboratory personnel and performance of high complexity tests and must be eligible to be an operator of a laboratory within the requirements of subpart R.

(a) The laboratory director must possess a current license as a laboratory director issued by the State in which the laboratory is located, if such licensing is required; and 

(b) The laboratory director must—

1. Be a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in the State in which the laboratory is located; and 
2. Be a doctor of medicine, a doctor of osteopathy or doctor of podiatric medicine licensed to practice medicine, osteopathy or podiatry in the State in which the laboratory is located; and 
3. Hold an earned doctoral degree in the chemical, physical, biological, or clinical laboratory science from an accredited institution and—

1. Be certified and continue to be certified by a board approved by HHS; or