

Tips & Tools from a consultant for laboratory compliance

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- I'm the creator and owner of SmartLabTools™ PDF applications & website; providing software solutions and education to assist clinical laboratories in meeting quality requirements, and maintaining regulatory compliance
- By taking the *'Road Less Traveled'* Java-Scripted interactive PDF's for lab calculations, and other fill-in-the-blanks desktop tools have been created for ease of use in clinical laboratories.
- Many Tools are FREE and being downloaded all over the world; others support the website.
- Links connect to contributions by experts in the industry, and professional resources for which I have no financial interest.

Tips & Tools for Laboratory Compliance

Experienced Laboratory Consultant and COLA Examiner will provide an overview of the inspection process and discuss common citations. Solutions in the form of downloadable software will be demonstrated and provided as measures for how these citations can be avoided or resolved.

Participants will be introduced to 'fill-in-the-blanks' PDF™ Templates that may be used directly from laboratory desktop computers. Once downloaded, these tools do not require program experience or an internet connection.

Following this workshop you will be able to:

1. Discuss components of the Laboratory Inspection Process
2. Understand the Deficiency Remedial Process
3. Become aware of Common Pitfalls that result in Citations
4. Download and use PDF Tools to meet Compliance Requirements

Presentation Roadmap (pg-1)

What are SmartLabTools?

- Downloading via hyperlinks
- Using Interactive (Smart) PDF's

The Laboratory Inspection Process

- COLA an Accrediting Agency
- State / CLIA

QC & PT Issues

- Citation Examples
- Tips & Tools to Fix QC & PT via (SmartLabTools.com)
- Demonstrate QC Calculators
- L-J Chart vs. Daily QC Assessments (Templates)

Other Tips & Tools:

- Coagulation ISI, PT Mean
- Environmental (Temperature & Humidity)
- Method Validation – Verify Reference Range

Presentation Roadmap (pg-2)

Other Tips & Tools (cont.)

- Proficiency Testing Tools
- Competency Assessments Tools
- Scheduled Events Tools
- Calibration Verification Tools
- Verify LIS Calculations Tools
- Prepare Binder Covers Tools
- **More.. Free Software**
- **Other Resources**
- **Dropbox for Compliance Monitoring**



- **Adobe PDF™** (*Portable Document Files*)
- **Java-Scripted Lab Calculations**
- **Interactive Tools for Laboratories**
- **Customizable Forms (Templates)**
- **May be Saved, Duplicated, Printed**
- **Enables Laboratories' Regulatory Compliance**
- **Templates for A Comprehensive QC Program**
- **Enables QC Monitoring via Cloud Applications**

'Hands-On' Workshop Housekeeping

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT 'SLT INTERACTIVE PDF'S' ...

1. **CALCULATIONS** only work using 'FREE' Adobe Acrobat Reader

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/acrobat/pdf-reader.html>

2. Set Adobe Acrobat Reader as the 'DEFAULT READER' with Windows 10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4J3a5Ps1uc>

3. Save First & Open PDF's From Your Computer, Not Mid-Way

4. Remove the Blue Highlighting.. [*PowerPoint Instructions*](#)

5. SLT PDF Templates can be filled in then 'Saved as', 'Copy/Paste' to duplicate.. or 'E-mailed', 'Reset' clears prior data

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Complex forms made simple.

DESCRIPTION

SmartLabTools.com Website

Getting Started.....
Practice Templates

SLT_100 Mean SD Calculator

SLT_111 Simple QC Range Calculator

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<https://www.smartlabtools.com/>

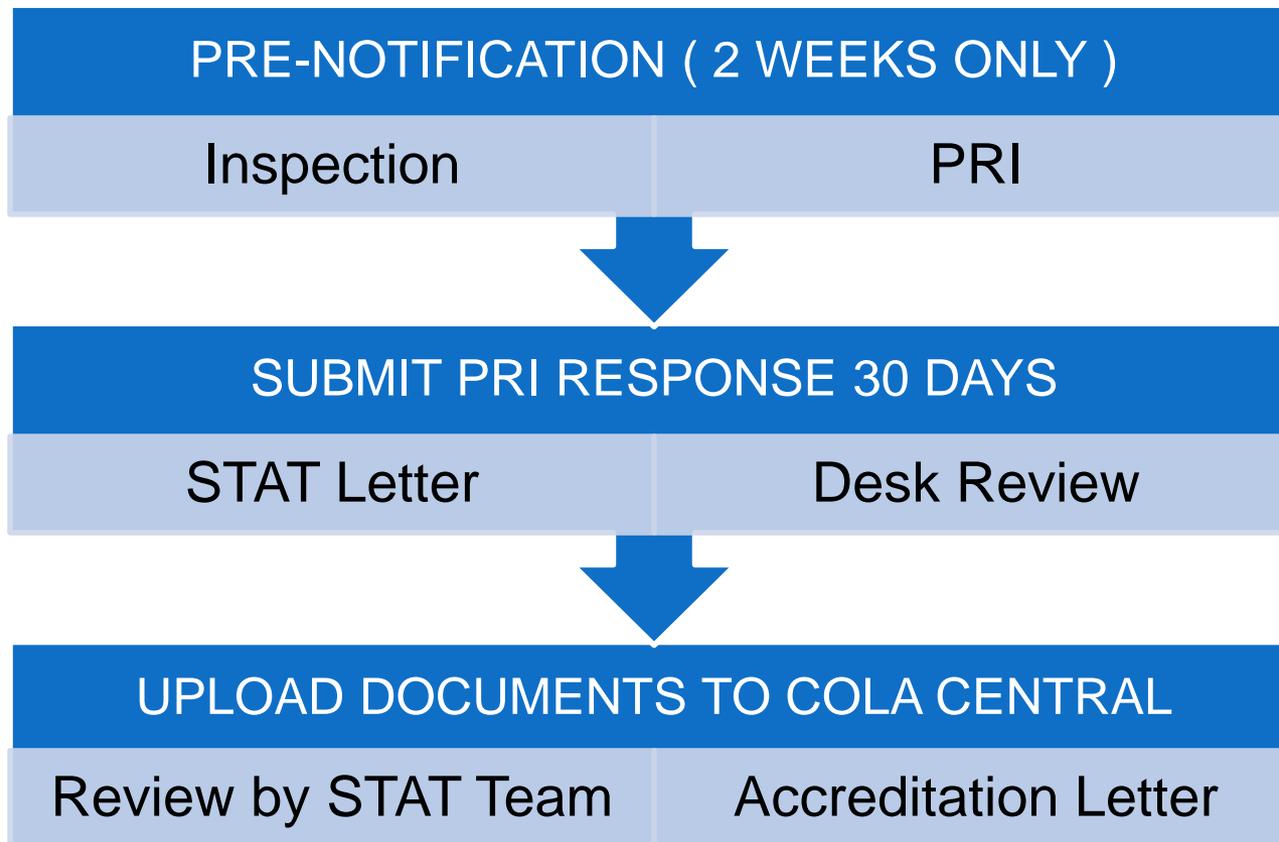
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https://www.smartlabtools.com/slt_111_simple_qc_calculator.html

Double Inspection for POL

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We're pleased to assist you in maintaining quality lab practices.</p> <p>During the survey of your lab, there were serious or systemic issues identified, requiring that your lab be referred to our Staff Technical Accreditation Team (STAT) for additional review. Once the STAT team has met to discuss the issues in your lab, you will receive a separate STAT letter (typically within one-two weeks) that will detail any additional actions required for accreditation. In the meantime, we are providing a Plan of Required Improvement (PRI) so that you may begin working on resolutions to the COLA criteria citations identified by the surveyor. A series of reports have been included to review the laboratory's citations at different levels and indicates the actions you will need to take to correct citations. This customized plan shows each required improvement prioritized for your convenience. In fact, you may have already begun to implement some of these improvements as the result of the summary conference conducted by the COLA surveyor.</p> <p>Included as part of this report are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory Information – This is a listing of stored information in our database observed at the time of the survey. This information should be accurate and up-to-date. If it is not, please submit corrections either through COLAcentral™ (www.colacentral.com) or with your Agreement to the Plan of Required Improvement. • Peer Review Comparison - This report has a statistical analysis showing your lab's performance compared to other laboratories with a similar number of annual tests. • Plan of Required Improvement (PRI) - This report has specific instructions regarding the actions that must be taken to correct your citations. This customized plan is sorted as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improvements needed within 30 days, documentation required; then ○ Improvements to be completed in a timely manner, no documentation required. <p>Note: Repeat citations (citations that you also received during the prior COLA survey) are denoted with an asterisk (*).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement to the PRI – This document states that you agree to correct and maintain corrections to all citations noted at the time of survey. 	<p>State of California—Health and Human Services Agency California Department of Public Health</p> <p>RON CHAPMAN, MD, MPH Director</p> <p>EDMOND G. BROWN JR. Governor</p> <p>Certified-Return Receipt: <i>(Confirmation of successful transmission by email or fax constitutes proof of receipt of this letter)</i></p> <p>May 28, 2013</p> <p>LAB NAME // REDACTED</p> <p>State License #: CNCXXXXX CLIA#: 05DXXXXXX</p> <p>RE: STATE OF CALIFORNIA CONDITION-LEVEL DEFICIENCIES - NOT IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY</p> <p>Dear Laboratory Director/Owner:</p> <p>A survey of your laboratory was conducted on 5/22/2013 and completed on 5/22/2013 by Victoria Y. Maxwell, Examiner of the Department of Public Health, Laboratory Field Services. As a result of that survey it was determined that your laboratory was not in compliance with the requirements specified in Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1200) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC) and/or Title 17 California Code of Regulations (CCR).</p> <p>Enclosed is the Statement of Deficiencies found during this review. The following condition level deficiencies were not met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 42 CFR 493.1101 Patient Test Management as incorporated at CBPC 1220(a)(2)(A). 2) 42 CFR 493.1201 (a)(b) General Quality Control as incorporated at CBPC 1220(d)(2)(B). 3) 42 CFR 493.1403 Laboratory Director-Moderate Complexity as incorporated at CBPC 1209(a), CBPC 1209(b)(1), and CBPC 1209(d)(1)(2). 4) 42 CFR 493.1701 Quality Assurance as incorporated at BPC 1220 (d)(2)(C) <p>The Statement of Deficiencies describes the violations that were identified. You are required to submit an allegation of compliance and evidence of correction for each</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <hr/> <p>Laboratory Field Services, California Department of Public Health, 850 Marina Bay Parkway, Richmond CA 94804-6403 (510) 620-3800 Internet Address: http://cdph.ca.gov/lfs</p>
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COLA Accreditation Survey



COLA – PRI

COLA ID:
05/24/13

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COLA - STAT Letter & Cease Testing

June 3, 2013

Dear Laboratory Director:

FedEx 2nd Day Tracking:

At the time of survey, you were informed that the laboratory was being referred to the Staff Technical Accreditation Team (STAT) for decisions on serious problems identified by the surveyor. The decision of the Team and additional requirements for accreditation are conveyed in this letter. The documents required should be marked with your COLA ID and sent to COLA as soon as possible.

Your laboratory was required to cease all patient testing for every analyte performed on the Access Immunoassay Analyzer due to Quality Control (QC) issues.

During your survey performed May 22, 2013, the surveyor noted that the acceptable limits for the QC material used on the Access Immunoassay analyzer was not entered correctly, resulting in out of range QC not being identified and corrected, prior to patient testing. In addition, it was noted that the laboratory failed to establish its own mean and Standard Deviation (SD) for the QC material, failed to perform two levels of QC everyday of patient testing, and failed to review statistical data (Levy-Jennings graphs) at each testing event to assess continued accuracy and precision of the method. Lastly, the surveyor noted that weekly maintenance and system checks were not being performed on the Access analyzer. As a result of these findings, the laboratory was required to cease all patient testing performed on the Access Immunoassay Analyzer.

COLA – Desk Review

COLA ID:

CLIA ID:

September 11, 2013

FedEx 2nd Day Tracking:

Dear Laboratory Director:

On June 3, 2013, COLA sent the laboratory a letter regarding the decision of the Staff Technical Accreditation Team (STAT) on serious issues identified by the surveyor at the time of the survey. It was stated in that letter that COLA would request additional documentation to ensure continued compliance. At this time we are requesting the following additional documents:

COLA CENTRAL ON-LINE DOCUMENTS

COLA Central lab document depository, where documents may conveniently be downloaded by Client/Consultant, Documents such as responses may be uploaded electronically

All Documents		COLA Documents	My Lab Documents	My Employee Documents		
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COLA CENTRAL ON-LINE DOCUMENTS

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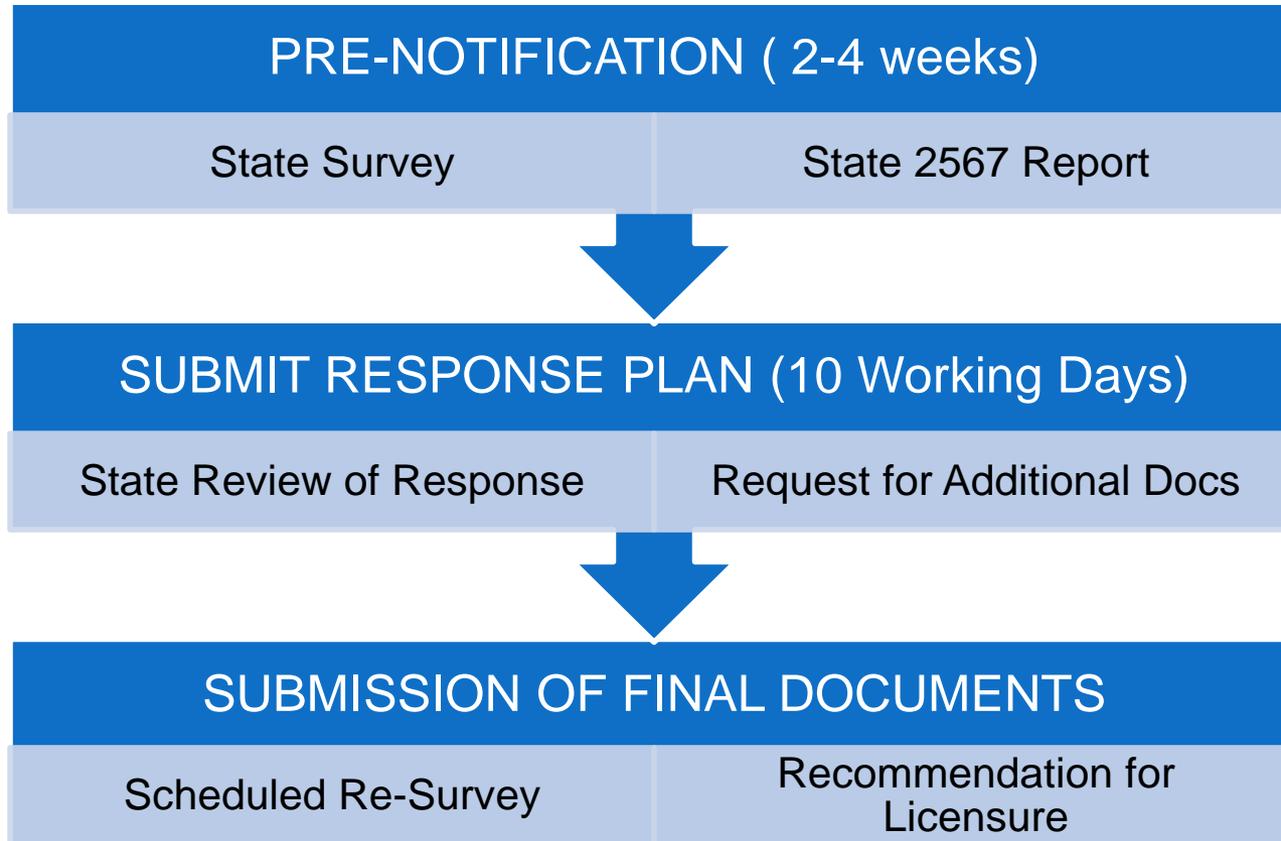
Approval for
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State Initial Survey for CA License



CDPH-LFS -Correspondence

Dear Laboratory Director/Owner(s):

The Department of Public Health, Laboratory Field Services (DPH-LFS) has received your Plan of Correction (POC)/ allegation of compliance and some supporting evidence in response to our letter dated 5/28/2013 and the Statement of Deficiencies notifying your laboratory of condition level deficiencies. You were directed to submit your plan of correction / a credible allegation of compliance. For your information, a Plan of Correction /credible allegation of compliance is a statement or documentation that is:

- 1.Made by a representative of a laboratory with a history of having maintained a commitment to compliance and taking corrective action when required;
- 2.Realistic in terms of the possibility of the corrective action being accomplished between the date of the survey and the date of the allegation; and
- 3.Indicates resolution of the problems.

Please be reminded that you also must submit documented evidence that verifies that the corrections were made. **Acceptable evidence of correction must include:**

- 1) Documentation showing what corrective action(s) has been taken for patients found to have been affected by the deficient practice.**

CDPH-LFS-Correspondence

You were notified in our previous letter dated May 28, 2013, that failure to meet the condition level requirements and/or **failure to return the allegation of compliance and evidence of correction within the ten-day time period may result in sanctions** against the clinical laboratory license, clinical laboratory director, and owners, suspension from the Medi-Cal and/or Medi-Care program in addition to civil money penalties and recovery of costs associated with the investigation:

- 1) Civil money penalties of \$3000/day and/or violation (CBPC 1310 and Title 17 CCR 1067.5)
- 2) Exclusion from Ownership or Operation (CBPC 1324 and Title 17 CCR 1065.30)
- 3) Revocation and/or suspension of the license to the facility (CBPC 1320 and Title 17 CCR 1062.5)

You have 10 working days from the date of receipt of this notice to submit a credible allegation of compliance and evidence of correction for the condition level deficiencies.

If we do not hear from you, or if we do not receive your acceptable evidence of compliance within the timeframe specified above, we may initiate enforcement actions including principal and or alternative sanctions.

CDPH SURVEY PROCESS FINALIZED

Corrections
found Acceptable
and License
Issued

2 MONTH
PROCESS..



RON CHAPMAN, MD, MPH
Director

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
California Department of Public Health



EDMOND G. BROWN JR
Governor

July 26, 2013

STATE ID:
CLIA #: 05I

RE: STATE SURVEY – CORRECTIONS ACCEPTABLE - RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSURE

Dear Laboratory Director/Owner:

This is to confirm that an on-site State inspection of your laboratory was conducted on 5/22/2013 by Victoria Maxwell, an Examiner of the California Department of Public Health-Laboratory Field Services.

At the time of the inspection, your laboratory was found to be **not** in compliance with the State laws and regulations, and deficiencies were found. The Allegation of Compliance and evidence you submitted, were received in our office on 6/7/2013, 6/20/2013 and 7/19/2013 and upon review, were found acceptable.

Your laboratory is now found to be in compliance with all applicable Title 17 California Code of Regulations (CCR) and California Business and Professions Code (BPC) statues and regulations for clinical laboratories. A recommendation for facility licensure has been made. A California Clinical Laboratory license will be subsequently issued to your facility.

Some Proficiency Citations

CITATIONS	ACTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lab failed to perform detailed investigation of PT failures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised PT procedure, and PT Action Form• Trained Personnel on new PT procedures & forms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PT Records were not maintained for 2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Save all analyzer Tapes & Printouts 3 years in Calif.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director failed to sign all PT attestations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put on QA Review List of Proficiency Testing documentation

Some QA/QC Citations

CITATION TO DO'S	ACTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document all Function Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated forms for PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retaining Function Check printouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Save Function Checks, along with QC printouts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use latest version of Preventive Maintenance forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manufacturer on-site training on maintenance, instrument QC functions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director's Name on LIS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated LIS Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update the QA Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated QA Plan & Schedule

Some QA/QC Citations (continued)

CITATION TO DO'S	ACTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QC Printouts not saved for at least 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printouts & Tapes now being saved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Values not defined for INR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Critical Values Procedures & List
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not keeping a Critical Value Notification Log 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Values Notification Log implemented & personnel trained
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent QC Failures & No Records of Remedial Action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented Corrective Action Logs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to Establish Lab QC Limits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented New QC Program, Trained Personnel

Citation: Postanalytic

TIP: ENSURE 'NAME OF LABORATORY' IS ON ALL LAB DOCUMENTS

CBPC 1220(d)(2)(B) Quality Control as incorporated at 42 CFR 493.1250 Analytic and 493.1290 Postanalytic

Systems –Condition Reason for Rejection: Update the **name of the laboratory in all laboratory documents** submitted. The initial application stated that the name of the laboratory should be “_____ Medical Laboratory”.

The laboratory submitted a **maintenance log** on ACE Axcel and Access 2 instruments without identifying the **serial number** of the instrument. Also, indicate the name of the laboratory in all laboratory forms.

Quality Control
Specific Issues
&
Solutions to Improve the
Sensitivity of QC by
Developing useful Quality
Control Ranges

COLA PRI – QC 10

REQUIREMENT

Are manufacturer's instructions for the use of reagents, controls, and kits followed?

- Altering the manufacturer's instructions is considered a modification of the test procedure which could change the complexity of the test.

COLA PRI – QC 10

CITATION & REQUIREMENT

The lab has not followed manufacturer's requirements with the use of controls. The lab is using Bio Rad Immunoassay QC, they have not established their own mean and SD, They have adopted the range of means as their QC range.

The range is to be used as a guide and does not provide a meaningful range to assess QC acceptability.

Required: Use your historic QC data and submit documentation demonstrating establishment of your own mean and 2SD range for... analytes

QC – Establish Own Limits

493.1218(d) Control Procedures

When calibration or control materials are used, **statistical parameters (e.g., mean and standard deviation)** for each lot number of calibration material and **each lot of control material must be determined through repetitive testing.** This Standard is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of quality control records, interview and direct observation, it was determined that the **laboratory failed to determine or establish statistical parameters** (e.g., mean, standard deviation, and acceptable limits) for **each lot of control materials** used for testing in the specialty of **Chemistry** and **Hematology.**

Findings included: (continued)

QC – Establish Own Limits

493.1218(d) Control Procedures (Continued)

The laboratory utilized Biorad Liquichek Immunoassay Plus Control levels 1, 2, and 3, lot numbers 40791, 40792, and 40793, respectively. These controls were tested on the Beckman Coulter Access 2 instrument to monitor the accuracy of few routine chemistry and some endocrinology tests performed on the instrument. The laboratory had been utilizing these specific control lots since December 2012 and **to this day had not established their limits of acceptability.**

QC - Insert Disclaimers

493.1218(d) Control Procedures (Continued)

In addition, as stated in the Biorad control package insert, section "Assignment of Values", that **it was recommended that each laboratory to establish its own means and acceptable ranges and use the Manufacturer's given means and ranges only as a guide.**

Note: Read the disclaimers on the insert! Examiners do.

QC Insert Limits – 3SD ?

493.1218(d) Control Procedures (Continued)

Biorad Liquichek Immunoassay Plus Control levels 1, 2, and 3, lot numbers 40791, 40792, and 40793, respectively, expiration date 9/30/2013 were utilized as controls.

Since the laboratory has not yet established their own values for all the control materials they use for testing, **the manufacturer's means and ranges, which was at 3SD (standard deviation) were utilized for acceptance criteria.**

Note: Commercial Control limits are potentially 3SD according to insert disclaimer

QC Corrective Action Log

493.1219(b) Remedial Actions

The laboratory must document all remedial actions taken when results of control and calibration materials fail to meet the laboratory's established criteria for acceptability.

This Standard is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of quality control records, interview and direct observation, it was determined that the **laboratory failed to document remedial actions** taken when results of control materials fail to meet the laboratory's established criteria for acceptability.

QC TIP #1

- *Beware of So-Called Instrument Specific Assayed Control Limits*
 - See following example where excessive QC limits have been published for assayed controls that equate to exactly 2x the CLIA Total Allowable Error Limits, & SD 3x the inter-lab peer SD

QC Insert Limits – Excessive

**Assayed Controls
Glucose and
Cholesterol ranges
set at 2x the CLIA
Allowable PT
Limits...**

**CLIA TE_a = ±10%
Insert Limits = ±20%**

	Units	Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Range
SIEMENS DIMENSION SERIES							
Acetaminophen (Enzymatic, colorimetric)	µg/mL	21.6	17.3 – 26.0	48.6	38.9 – 58.3	151	121 – 182
Albumin (Bromcresol Purple (BCP))	g/dL	2.41	1.93 – 2.90	3.23	2.58 – 3.87	4.09	3.27 – 4.91
Alkaline Phosphatase (PNPP, AMP Buffer) (2)	U/L	47.9	38.3 – 57.5	151	121 – 181	298	238 – 357
Alkaline Phosphatase (PNPP, AMP Buffer) (RG# FB 4084)	U/L	37.3	29.8 – 44.8	135	108 – 162	270	216 – 324
ALT/SGPT (UV with P5P) (2)	U/L	39.8	31.8 – 47.7	99.3	79.4 – 119	195	156 – 234
ALT/SGPT (UV with P5P) (ALT1) (2)	U/L	25.3	20.2 – 30.4	89.0	71.2 – 107	192	153 – 230
Amylase (CNP-triose/CNPG3) (2)	U/L	44.2	35.3 – 53.0	149	119 – 178	332	265 – 398
AST/SGOT (UV with P5P) (2)	U/L	42.0	33.6 – 50.4	109	86.8 – 130	263	211 – 316
AST/SGOT (UV with P5P) (IFCC 2002 Correlated) (2)	U/L	42.1	33.6 – 50.5	109	87.2 – 131	263	210 – 316
Bilirubin (Direct) (Diazotization) (DBI)(DF125)	mg/dL	0.200	0.160 – 0.240	1.11	0.887 – 1.33	1.89	1.51 – 2.26
Bilirubin (Direct) (Diazotization) (DBIL)(DF25A)	mg/dL	0.283	0.226 – 0.340	1.18	0.943 – 1.41	1.90	1.52 – 2.28
Bilirubin (Total) (Jendrossik Grof) (TBI)(DF167)	mg/dL	0.581	0.465 – 0.698	3.02	2.41 – 3.62	7.28	5.83 – 8.74
Bilirubin (Total) (Jendrossik Grof) (TBIL)(DF67A)	mg/dL	0.591	0.473 – 0.709	3.08	2.46 – 3.69	7.29	5.84 – 8.75
Calcium (o-cresolphthalein complexone)	mg/dL	5.71	5.14 – 6.28	9.36	8.43 – 10.3	12.5	11.3 – 13.8
Carbamazepine (Immunoturbidimetric)	µg/mL	3.93	3.15 – 4.72	8.85	7.08 – 10.6	12.8	10.3 – 15.4
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂) (Enzymatic)	mEq/L	17.0	13.6 – 20.4	21.9	17.5 – 26.3	28.2	22.6 – 33.8
Chloride (ISE indirect) (EXL/Xpand)	mEq/L	73.8	68.5 – 79.1	97.5	93.8 – 101	123	113 – 133
Chloride (ISE indirect) (RxL)	mEq/L	72.0	57.6 – 86.4	94.8	75.9 – 114	121	96.7 – 145
Cholesterol (HDL) (Direct measure, polymer-polyanion) (DF48A)	mg/dL	34.7	27.7 – 41.6	52.3	41.8 – 62.7	84.3	67.5 – 101
Cholesterol (HDL) (Direct measure-PEG) (DF48B)	mg/dL	31.1	24.9 – 37.3	48.8	39.0 – 58.5	73.6	58.9 – 88.3
Cholesterol (LDL) (Direct measure) (ALDL)	mg/dL	59.4	47.5 – 71.3	86.1	68.9 – 103	137	110 – 165
Cholesterol (Total) (Cholesterol oxidase, esterase, peroxidase)	mg/dL	104	83.4 – 125	167	133 – 200	261	209 – 313
Cholinesterase (Butyrylthiocholine (Trinder)) (PCHE) (2)	U/L	7760	6210 – 9310	9530	7630 – 11440	12610	10090 – >14000
Complement C3 (Immunoturbidimetric)	mg/dL	85.2	68.1 – 102	118	94.7 – 142	154	123 – 185
Complement C4 (Immunoturbidimetric)	mg/dL	14.7	11.7 – 17.6	19.0	15.2 – 22.8	25.5	20.4 – 30.6
Creatine Kinase (CK) (NAC activated) (IFCC 2002)(CKI) (2)	U/L	88.2	70.5 – 106	276	221 – 331	654	523 – 785
Creatinine (Alkaline picrate-kinetic)	mg/dL	0.700	0.560 – 0.839	1.90	1.52 – 2.28	6.78	5.43 – 8.14
Creatinine (Alkaline picrate-kinetic, IFCC-IDMS Standardized) (IDMS Correlated)	mg/dL	0.532	0.425 – 0.638	1.73	1.39 – 2.08	6.62	5.29 – 7.94
Creatinine (Enzymatic IFCC-IDMS Standardized) (EZCR)	mg/dL	0.650	0.400 – 0.900	1.89	1.51 – 2.26	6.64	5.31 – 7.97
Digoxin (EA)	ng/mL	0.443	0.355 – 0.532	1.65	1.32 – 1.98	3.22	2.57 – 3.86
Ethanol (Enzymatic UV)	mg/dL	19.2	15.3 – 23.0	70.8	56.7 – 85.0	174	139 – 209
Ferritin (EIA)	ng/mL	37.0	29.6 – 44.4	43.9	35.1 – 52.7	56.9	45.5 – 68.3
Gamma Glutamyltransferase (GGT) (2)	U/L	36.8	29.5 – 44.2	96.8	77.5 – 116	159	127 – 191
Gamma Glutamyltransferase (GGT) (IFCC 2002 Correlated) (2)	U/L	31.3	25.0 – 37.5	83.0	66.4 – 99.6	137	109 – 164
Gentamicin (Immunoturbidimetric)	µg/mL	2.03	1.63 – 2.44	6.12	4.89 – 7.34	10.5	8.41 – >12.0
Glucose (Hexokinase)	mg/dL	60.5	48.4 – 72.6	122	97.6 – 146	366	293 – 439

Detail Next Slide

QC Insert Limits vs. Peer Limits

Glucose Values – Insert, CV=10%

	1SD = 6.0		1SD = 12.1		1SD = 36.5	
Mean	60.5	48.4 – 72.6	122	97.6 – 146	366	293 – 439

Peer / Monthly / Lot-To-Date, CV=3%

Mean	60.80	61.08	121.7	121.8	358.5	359.3
SD	1.88	1.88	5.14	3.58	9.30	9.62
CV	3.1	3.1	4.2	2.9	2.6	2.7
# Points	6698	37914	2914	17203	5393	31362
# Labs	219	277	83	109	197	255

QC Limits using Peer CV%

MEAN	HCV	SD	-2SD	+2SD	MEAN	HCV	SD	-2SD	+2SD	MEAN	HCV	SD	-2SD	+2SD
61	3.1	1.89	57.22	64.78	122	4.2	5.12	111.75	132.25	359	2.7	9.69	339.61	378.39

CV derived from External Proficiency Peer Data Referred to as CV_{EQA}

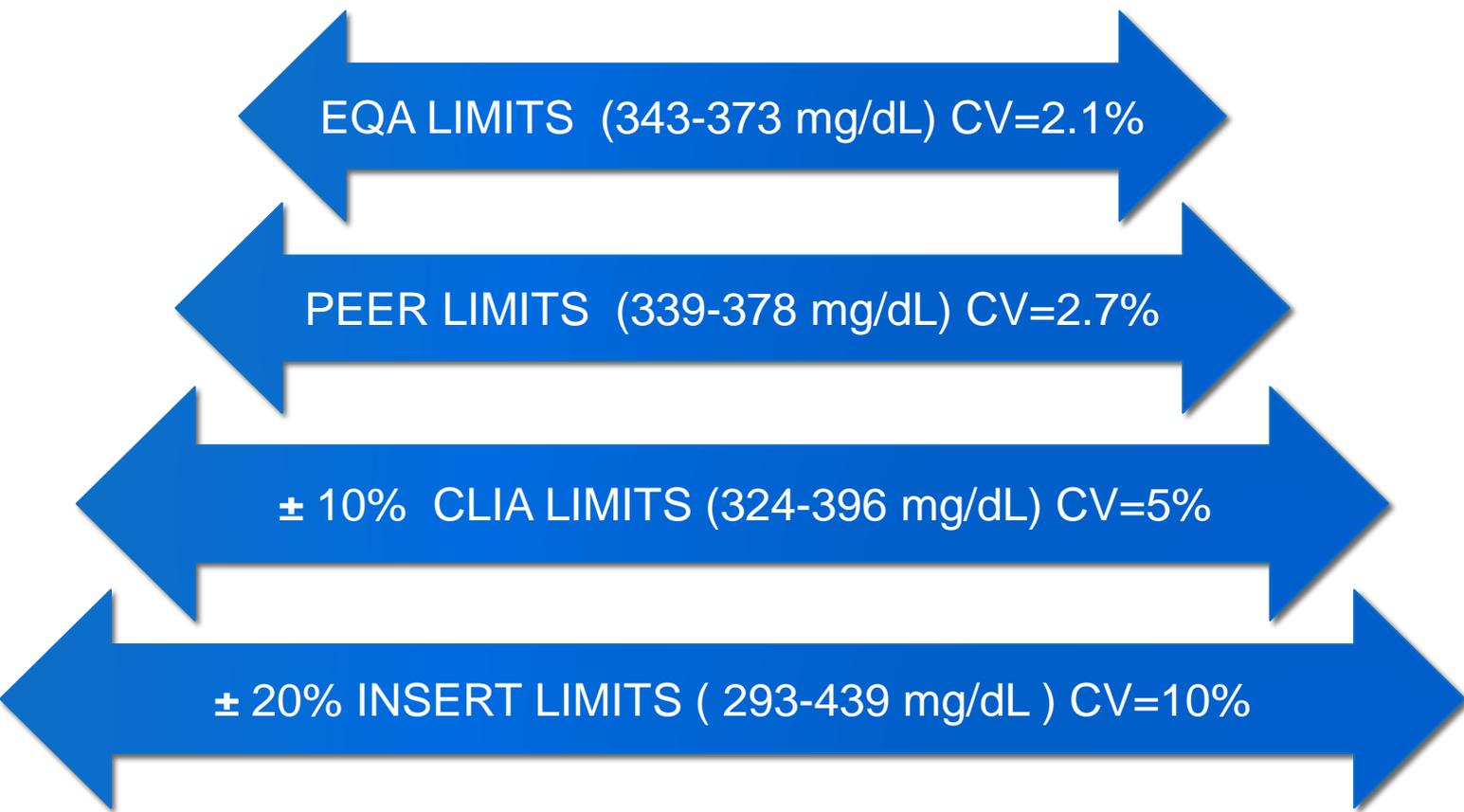
API PROFICIENCY Q213							
GLUCOSE DIMENSION			#LABS	MEAN	SD	CV%	RANGE
		SPEC 1	1153	147.3	2.9	2.0	132-163
		SPEC 2	1153	204.2	3.8	1.9	183-225
		SPEC 3	1153	88.7	1.9	2.1	79-98
		SPEC 4	1153	77.3	1.8	2.3	69-86
		SPEC 4	1153	101.6	2.2	2.2	91-112
				AVERAGE CV% =		2.1	

PT Total Allowable Error for Glucose is $\pm 10\%$, or ± 6

The CV% is not provided by the PT agency, so must be calculated:

$CV = (SD/Mean) \times 100$, expressed as a percent (%)

QC Limits Comparison Glucose, Level-3 Control



EQA LIMITS (343-373 mg/dL) CV=2.1%

PEER LIMITS (339-378 mg/dL) CV=2.7%

± 10% CLIA LIMITS (324-396 mg/dL) CV=5%

± 20% INSERT LIMITS (293-439 mg/dL) CV=10%

QC Tip #2

- *Beware of Assayed Control QC Limits that are 3SD , and may be introduced into analyzers (Bar-Code Scanned) or Manual input into an Instrument or LIS QC program that assumes 2SD limits. **Do the Math!**
(Hint: Use Dan's Simple QC Range Calculator)*

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Vitamin D

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[LOT] 171103 2014-03



Value sheet

Published Limits are 3SD
Which will be Bar-Code Scanned
into the analyzer or LIS 2SD QC
program

REF 06506780 160

Kit [LOT]	Bottle [LOT]	Value	Range	1SD	Bottle [LOT]	Value	Range	1SD	Bottle [LOT]	Value	Range	1SD	Units
PreciControl V3 0				PreciControl V3 1				PreciControl V3 2					
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168232	167515**	13.3 33.3	8.51 – 18.1 21.3 – 45.3	1.60 4.00	167516*	18.0 45.0	12.6 – 23.4 31.5 – 58.5	1.80 4.50	167517**	28.8 72.0	20.2 – 37.4 50.4 – 93.6	2.88 7.20	ng/mL nmol/L
MODULAR ANALYTICS E170 and cobas e 601 analyzers													

Simple Q.C. Range Calculator

Enter Known Mean and SD to Calculate 2SD, 3SD Limits

Control Level	Mean	1 SD	- 2SD	+2SD	- 3SD	+3SD
Level-1	13.30	1.60	10.10	16.50	8.50	18.10
Level-2	18.00	1.80	14.40	21.60	12.60	23.40
Level-3	28.80	2.88	23.04	34.56	20.16	37.44

Enter Range to Calculate Mean and 1SD

Control Level	Range		(If Range is 2SD)		(If Range is 3SD)	
	Low	High	Mean	1SD	Mean	1SD
Level-1	8.51	18.1	13.31	2.40	13.31	1.60
Level-2	12.6	23.4	18.00	2.70	18.00	1.80
Level-3	20.2	37.4	28.80	4.30	28.80	2.87

QC Product – Analyte Stability

The laboratory had been using the same Biorad control lots since December 2012 or maybe even much earlier. Review of the Biorad control package insert showed the manufacturer's disclosure of control value limitations. It stated that Folate and Estradiol values may gradually decrease over the product shelf life. Thus, individual laboratory means may eventually fall outside of the corresponding acceptable ranges printed in the insert. It is possible that the laboratory may be experiencing this now and this may necessitate an investigation.

Analyte Stability Insert Claims

STORAGE AND STABILITY

This product will be stable until the expiration date when stored unopened at -20 to -70°C.

Thawed and Unopened: When the control material is thawed and stored unopened at 2 to 8°C, all analytes will be stable for 30 days with the following exceptions: Folate will be stable for 4 days. Estradiol will be stable for 8 days. Free PSA, PSA and Prolactin will be stable for 14 days (date of thaw should be noted).

Thawed and Opened: Once the control material is thawed and opened, all analytes will be stable for 14 days when stored tightly capped at 2 to 8°C, with the following exceptions: Folate will be stable for 4 days. Estradiol will be stable for 5 days.

Once thawed, do not refreeze the control; discard the remaining material.

This product is shipped under frozen conditions.

LIMITATIONS

1. This product should not be used past the expiration date.
2. If there is evidence of microbial contamination or excessive turbidity in the product, discard the vial.
3. This product is not intended for use as a standard.
4. Folate and Estradiol values may gradually decrease over the product shelf life. Individual laboratory means may eventually fall outside of the corresponding acceptable ranges printed in this insert.

QC Assignments may Vary over Time ...

Check Vendor Site & Participate in Peer Programs

ASSIGNMENT OF VALUES

The mean values printed in this insert were derived from replicate analyses and are specific for this lot of product. The tests listed were performed by the manufacturer and/or independent laboratories using manufacturer supported reagents and a representative sampling of this lot of control. Individual laboratory means should fall within the corresponding acceptable range; however, laboratory means may vary from the listed values during the life of this control. Variations over time and between laboratories may be caused by differences in laboratory technique, instrumentation and reagents, or by manufacturer test method modifications. It is recommended that each laboratory establish its own means and acceptable ranges and use those provided only as guides.

Refer to www.qcnet.com for insert update information.

Dehydroepiandrosterone-Sulfate (DHEA-Sulfate)	µg/dL	86.6	72.8 – 101	122	102 – 142	526	442 – 610
Digoxin	ng/mL	0.760	0.640 – 0.880	2.06	1.72 – 2.40	3.26	2.74 – 3.78
Estradiol, E2 (E2, Re-standardization)	pg/mL	67.7	47.8 – 87.7	370	301 – 440	938	776 – 1100
Estriol, Free (Unconjugated)	ng/mL	1.32	1.11 – 1.54	2.96	2.49 – 3.44	>6.95	
Ferritin	ng/mL	23.8	20.0 – 27.6	119	100 – 138	269	226 – 312
Folate (Improved)	ng/mL	2.47	2.07 – 2.87	7.55	5.85 – 9.25	11.1	9.11 – 13.2
Folate (Re-standardization, FOLW)	ng/mL	3.37	2.83 – 3.91	9.83	8.11 – 11.6	14.4	12.1 – 16.7

Folate							
Chemiluminescence ng/mL							
Beckman Coulter Access, LXI 725, DxC 600i IA Systems							
Beckman Coulter Access Folate (REF A14208)	Mean	3.13	3.22	9.78	9.76	14.20	14.51
	SD	0.180	0.253	0.346	0.495	1.01	1.36
	CV	5.7	7.9	3.5	5.1	7.1	9.4
	# Points	45	201	22	56	46	161
	# Labs	3	5	1	2	3	5
Beckman Coulter Access Folate (REF A98032)	Mean	3.28	3.36	10.28	10.63	14.61	15.13
	SD	0.249	0.252	0.721	0.729	1.03	1.11
	CV	7.6	7.5	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.3
	# Points	985	3544	587	2130	1003	3501
	# Labs	38	44	27	29	39	44

Using Historical CV to Set QC Ranges (1)

Establishing Chemistry QC Ranges

Chemistry Guideline for Establishing New Control Lot Means and Quality Control (QC) Ranges Through Parallel Testing and Historic Coefficient of Variation ($\%CV_h$)

Authored by Kurt Michael and Paul Richardson

In order to optimize controls, it is important for clinical laboratories to establish their own means and QC ranges for each new control lot number. Using the manufacturer's QC ranges will waste you QC money, as the ranges will be too wide to provide an appropriate level of warning value. Assay ranges for new control lot numbers should be confirmed prior to the expiration of the old lot. The means for all analytes of the new lot should fall within the assay ranges provided by the manufacturer. If they do not, then something in the system needs corrective action. [Click to Download 5-page Article](#)

Using Historical CV to Set QC Ranges (2)



Patient Safety Monitoring in International Laboratories (SMILE)

Improving the Sensitivity of QC Monitoring: Taking the leap from manufacturer's to established QC ranges

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Kurt L. Michael, M. Ed., MT(ASCP), SMILE Project Manager



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Summary: Calculating New Mean

1

- Ensure that your old lot of QC material is within your current range with no bias, shifts, or trends

2

- Run new QC material for at least 20 data points with old QC material for at least 5 days.

3

- Ensure that your old QC material is within acceptable range for each run.

4

- Calculate MEAN, SD & CV from data

5

- Is the CV's $<$ or $=$ CV_H CV_{MAN} (INSERT) ?

Summary: Determine QC Limits

6

- Use Historical (Cumulative CV) to establish sensitive SD limits and QC Ranges

7

- CVh allows you to set your QC Limits based on your instruments precision capability

8

- Use CV from prior lot's to calculate preliminary QC limits for new lot
- Calculate using Tools next 3 slides

9

- Compare your CVh with Manufacturer's CVs and Peer CVs

10

- Review provided Article and PPT for best guidance on use of CVh for setting QC Limits

SLT_100 Calculate QC Statistics

SESSION EXERCISE: DOWNLOADING AND USING THIS CALCULATOR

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QC CALCULATORS..](#)

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QC Tool
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Calculate Mean, SD, CV%, Reference Range



TYPE YOUR LAB NAME HERE



Document Test System Information

Method / Instrument	Test Description	Units
AU400 CHEMISTRY	GLUCOSE	MG/DL

Other Reagent / Q.C. Product Information

EVALUATING NEW LOT OF QC..

Enter Data

88.00	90.00	88.00	86.00		
89.00	92.00	87.00	87.00		
86.00	87.00	86.00	90.00		
84.00	86.00	84.00	91.00		
89.00	91.00	89.00	88.00		

CLICK ALL 3 BOXES ==>>> <<<= RE-CLICK WITH CHANGES

Calculated Statistics

N = 20 1 SD Range = 85.65 to 90.15
 Arithmetic Mean = 87.90 2 SD Range = 83.41 to 92.39
 1 SD = 2.25 3 SD Range = 81.16 to 94.64
 CV% = 2.55

Reset

Analyst: _____

Simple Q.C. Range Calculator



GLUCOSE EXAMPLE



Enter Known Mean and SD to Calculate CV%, 2SD, 3SD Limits

Control Level	Mean	1SD
Level-1	63.00	2.08
Level-2	123.00	3.69
Level-3	363.00	11.25

- 2SD	+2SD
58.84	67.16
115.62	130.38
340.50	385.50

- 3SD	+3SD	CV%
56.76	69.24	3.30
111.93	134.07	3.00
329.25	396.75	3.10

Enter Range to Calculate Mean and 1SD

Control Level	Range Low	Range High
Level-1	58.84	67.16
Level-2	115.62	130.38
Level-3	340.49	385.51

(If Range is 2SD)

Mean	1SD
63.00	2.08
123.00	3.69
363.00	11.26

(If Range is 3SD)

Mean	1SD	CV%
63.00	1.39	3.30
123.00	2.46	3.00
363.00	7.50	3.10

Enter Mean and CV% to Calculate 1SD, and 2SD QC Limits

Control Level	Mean	CV%
Level-1	63.00	3.30
Level-2	123.00	3.00
Level-3	363.00	3.10

1SD	- 2SD Limit	+2SD Limit
2.08	58.84	67.16
3.69	115.62	130.38
11.25	340.49	385.51

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Calculator for Evaluating Control Limits Based on Total Allowable Error Limits

GLUCOSE EXAMPLE

TEa Limits				If use TEa (%)			If use TEa (Value)		
Control Level	Mean	Limit %	Limit Val	Low	High	1SD	Low	High	1SD
Level-1	60.00	10.00	6.00	54.00	66.00	3.00	54.00	66.00	3.00
Level-2	120.00	10.00	6.00	108.00	132.00	6.00	114.00	126.00	3.00
Level-3	280.00	10.00	6.00	252.00	308.00	14.00	274.00	286.00	3.00

Reset

This simple calculator assists with evaluating QC Limits based on analytic quality requirements, such as Proficiency Testing (PT) allowable error limits.

The TABLE below lists information on CLIA proficiency testing criteria for acceptable analytical performance, as printed in the Federal Register February 28, 1992;57(40):7002-186.

Use CLIA PT limits as a guide, and not set your QC limits wider, else risk failing PT Challenges.

Laboratories are responsible for setting their own limits.

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REQUIREMENT

For each quantitative test performed, are quality control data prepared and plotted with each testing event, or are statistical parameters calculated to permit the laboratory to assess continued accuracy and precision of the method?

- Prepare conventional Levey-Jennings QC Charts, review weekly, monthly **and / or**.....
- **SmartLabTools™** Daily QC Statistical Assessments

Data Plot with Calculated Mean, SD – High Sensitivity



Levey-Jennings Q.C. Chart & Mean, SD Calculator

DAN'S TESTING LABORATORY



ANALYTE :	GLUCOSE	CONTROL :	NORMAL CTL	MONTH / YEAR :	JANUARY, 2019
INSTRUMENT :	E400	MANUF :	ANY QC CO.	DATE BEGUN :	01/01/19
METHOD :	HEXOKINASE	LOT # :	12345....	CHART MEAN :	88
UNITS :	MG/DL	EXP. DATE :	12/2021	CHART SD :	2.3

SD INTERVALS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	REMARKS							
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QC GUIDELINES : At least two (2) levels of controls use to be performed and charted each day of patient testing. All Control results must meet Lab QC Criteria prior to reporting patient results. OUT OF CONTROL results must be charted, resolved, and documented. Any actual or perceived BIAS and/or TRENDING must be investigated, resolved, fully documented, reviewed for possible actions & approval by Lab Supervisor. This L-J CHART may be used for MANUAL or ELECTRONIC recording of QC results.

File Name : SLT_416 L-J Chart with SD Calc & Plot v2 ©2007-2016, SmartLabTools™ Daniel W. Lelington, MT(ASCP), CLB

Reviewed by: Wk-1 : OK, DL Wk-2 :OK, DL Wk-3 :OK, DL Wk-4 :OK, DL **CLEAR DATA**

Comments / Actions : 20 DATA POINTS OF NORMAL CONTROL ESTABLISHES PRELIMINARY MEAN

Data Plot with Calc. Mean, TEa% - Lower Sensitivity



Levey-Jennings Q.C. Chart & Mean, SD Calculator

DAN'S TESTING LABORATORY



ANALYTE :	GLUCOSE	CONTROL :	NORMAL CTL	MONTH / YEAR :	JANUARY, 2019
INSTRUMENT :	E400	MANUF :	ANY QC CO.	DATE BEGUN :	01/01/19
METHOD :	HEXOKINASE	LOT # :	12345....	CHART MEAN :	88
UNITS :	MG/DL	EXP. DATE :	12/2021	CHART SD :	4.4

SD INTERVALS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	REMARKS			
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Daily QC Assessment in current use

Daily QC is being saved to cloud storage application 'Dropbox' where TC can review remotely to observe:

- 1) QC Compliance
- 2) Shifts or Trends
- 3) QC Out
- 4) Corrective Action

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Smart LabTools		QUALITY CONTROL RESULTS EVALUATION								
		AFC / URGENT CARE RIVERSIDE								
		This Smart Lab Tool allows for comparison of Test Data to an Established QC Range. The difference, and Standard Deviation Index (SDI) are calculated. Any SDI>Alert(*) deserves special attention as in the future this bias may lead to QC failure. SDI>2.0 requires greater concern and is flagged as "Out".								
		1.0								
HEMATOLOGY-MEDONIC-										
CDS BOULE CON-DIFFTRI-LEVEL 2180601-K EXP 10/26/2018										
Specimen Source	Analyte Name	Low -2SD	High +2SD	Calc Mean	Calc 1SD	Test Value	Calc Bias	Calc SDI	QC In?	QC Out?
ABN LOW	WBC	3.30	3.90	3.60	0.15	3.40	-0.20	-1.33*	QC In	
21803-01	LYMP%	40.00	54.00	47.00	3.50	47.60	0.60	0.17	QC In	
	MID%	0.20	10.20	5.20	2.50	4.90	-0.30	-0.12	QC In	
	GRAN%	40.80	54.80	47.80	3.50	47.50	-0.30	-0.09	QC In	
	RBC	2.00	2.24	2.12	0.06	2.12	0.00	0.00	QC In	
	HCT	11.70	16.70	14.20	1.25	15.00	0.80	0.64	QC In	
	HGB	5.00	5.60	5.30	0.15	5.30	0.00	0.00	QC In	
	PLAT	69.00	99.00	84.00	7.50	88.00	4.00	0.53	QC In	
NORMAL	WBC	7.90	9.10	8.50	0.30	8.90	0.40	1.33*	QC In	
21803-2	LYPM%	45.30	55.30	50.30	2.50	50.90	0.60	0.24	QC In	
	MID%	1.20	11.20	6.20	2.50	6.20	0.00	0.00	QC In	
	GRAN%	38.50	48.50	43.50	2.50	42.90	-0.60	-0.24	QC In	
	RBC	3.79	4.15	3.97	0.09	4.03	0.06	0.67	QC In	
	HCT	29.90	35.90	32.90	1.50	34.70	1.80	1.20*	QC In	
	HGB	11.30	12.10	11.70	0.20	11.70	0.00	0.00	QC In	
	PLAT	211.00	271.00	241.00	15.00	245.00	4.00	0.27	QC In	
ABN HIGH	WBC	19.20	22.80	21.00	0.90	20.90	-0.10	-0.11	QC In	
21803-03	LYMP%	58.80	68.80	63.80	2.50	62.60	-1.20	-0.48	QC In	
	MID%	0.70	10.60	5.65	2.48	6.10	0.45	0.18	QC In	
	GRAN%	25.60	35.60	30.60	2.50	31.30	0.70	0.28	QC In	
	RBC	4.65	5.09	4.87	0.11	4.88	0.01	0.09	QC In	
	HCT	41.20	48.20	44.70	1.75	45.70	1.00	0.57	QC In	
	HGB	15.10	16.10	15.60	0.25	15.50	-0.10	-0.40	QC In	
	PLAT	467.00	587.00	527.00	30.00	520.00	-7.00	-0.23	QC In	

QC item(s): Normal and High Qc * Trend Alert Warrants Attention

Problem: ... WBC: Measurement statistics warning- re-analyze

Actions: ...ran Prime cycle and repeated controls

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[Reset All](#) [Reset Data](#)

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Samantha Lyons Analyst

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Daily QC Assessment Template in current use

Daily QC is being saved to cloud storage application 'Dropbox' where TC can review remotely to observe:

- 1) QC Compliance
- 2) Shifts or Trends
- 3) QC Out
- 4) Corrective Action

[Click here](#) for link to SLT_400 Website & Demo Template

Smart LabTools ?															IMPERIAL VALLEY FAMILY CARE				DAILY Q.C. STATISTICAL ASSESSMENT		?	
TEST SYSTEM:	VITROS 4600														Bias # CTLs							
CONTROLS:	PERF. VERIFIER I							PERF. VERIFIER II							2							
LOT NUMBERS:	B6272							C6274							Trend Flag =							
EXPIRATION:	1/31/2020							1/31/2020							1.5							
Analyte Description	L-1 Mean	Test Value	Bias	SDI (Z)	QC In?	L-2 Mean	Test Value	Bias	SDI (Z)	QC In?	L-3 Mean	Test Value	Bias	SDI (Z)	QC In?	Ave SDI (Z)	Trend Alert					
GLU	78.30	80.3	2.00	0.96	In	287.95	289.7	1.75	0.20	In						0.58						
TP	3.77	3.94	0.17	1.13	In	6.92	7.05	0.13	0.76	In						0.95						
URIC	3.87	3.75	-0.12	-0.80	In	10.85	10.61	-0.24	-0.96	In						-0.88						
ALB	2.37	2.46	0.09	1.00	In	4.61	4.67	0.06	0.55	In						0.77						
TRIG	122.10	124	1.90	0.63	In	250.60	255	4.40	0.70	In						0.67						
CHOL	151.20	152.8	1.60	0.37	In	235.70	237.9	2.20	0.37	In						0.37						
AMYL	77.00	71.5	-5.50	-0.92	In	322.00	313.4	-8.60	-0.41	In						-0.66						
CL-	80.70	80	-0.70	-0.64	In	107.00	106.7	-0.30	-0.21	In						-0.43						
K+	2.87	2.93	0.06	0.60	In	5.53	5.62	0.09	0.56	In						0.58						
NA+	119.80	118.7	-1.10	-0.79	In	142.70	142.6	-0.10	-0.07	In						-0.43						
ECO2	25.70	25.6	-0.10	-0.08	In	14.90	15.2	0.30	0.30	In						0.11						
PHOS	3.20	3.23	0.03	0.21	In	7.22	7.39	0.17	0.74	In						0.48						
CREA	0.81	0.84	0.03	0.38	In	5.16	5.15	-0.01	-0.07	In						0.15						
UREA	18.00	18.2	0.20	0.33	In	54.90	55.2	0.30	0.21	In						0.27						
BU	0.45	0.48	0.03	0.25	In	8.90	8.89	-0.01	-0.03	In						0.11						
CA	8.73	8.80	0.07	0.27	In	11.82	11.87	0.05	0.19	In						0.23						
TBIL	1.58	1.5	-0.08	-0.50	In	16.00	16.06	0.06	0.13	In						-0.18						
AST	36.00	36.8	0.80	0.53	In	166.00	168.8	2.80	0.56	In						0.55						
ALKP	112.50	111.1	-1.40	-0.11	In	495.00	486.5	-8.50	-0.14	In						-0.12						
ALT	36.00	36.8	0.80	0.16	In	187.00	187.2	0.20	0.02	In						0.09						
LDH	422.00	416.5	-5.50	-0.18	In	1,441.0	1477	36.00	0.58	In						0.20						
CK	148.00	150.8	2.80	0.13	In	780.00	798	18.00	0.21	In						0.17						
LIPA	146.00	152.5	6.50	0.86	In	586.00	603	17.00	1.20	In						1.03						
GGT	66.00	63.8	-2.20	-1.29	In	400.00	414	14.00	0.44	In						-0.43						
BC	0.46	0.33	-0.13	-0.96	In	3.32	3.39	0.07	0.28	In						-0.34						
MG	1.95	1.95	0.00	0.00	In	4.55	4.3	-0.25	-2.50	Out						-1.25	*					
FE	100.22	104	3.78	0.87	In	221.90	226.9	5.00	0.60	In						0.73						
dHDL	48.20	47.9	-0.30	-0.19	In	61.60	59.6	-2.00	-0.85	In						-0.52						
dLDL	72.10	70.5	-1.60	-0.50	In	115.00	119.7	4.70	0.61	In						0.06						

Comments / Actions: MG Level-2 on the low side (1-2s), Level-1 on Mean. * Trend Alert - Warrants Attention
 OK to report this run * QC Out - Requires Investigation

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Prothrombin Time – Normal Patient Mean

COLA

COLA Requirement:

CO 2E Does the laboratory determine the normal patient reference range and mean, with each change in lot number of thromboplastin reagent prior to use, and with any change in methodology?

“This range is method, instrument, and reagent specific. The lab must perform a normal patient mean study with every change in lot number of thromboplastin and with any change in methodology, using a sufficient number (minimum = 20) of normal patient specimens. It is not acceptable to use the daily normal control value or the mean of the normal control in place of your normal patient reference mean as the denominator in the INR calculations. You may not borrow a normal patient mean from any other facility.”

Prothrombin Time – Normal Patient Mean

COLA

COAGULATION CITATION & ACTION REQUIRED

CO 2 *'The lab has determined the normal patient mean value for the current lot of thromboplastin to be 11.48. The lab has a value currently programmed in of 12.0. This lot of thromboplastin was started in August 2017'*

Action Submit a process that will be used by the laboratory to ensure the correct normal patient mean value for each new lot of thromboplastin will be updated when new reagent is put into use.

QA 20.2 Perform an incident management investigation for PT INR to demonstrate any impact on patient results from use of the incorrect normal patient range value which was in use from August 2017 until May 2018.

Prothrombin Time Patient Mean & Range Calculator

**Document
Thromboplastin Lot#,
Exp., ISI value**

Geometric Mean is the preferred Mean for use in the INR calculation

[Click Here](#) or image for link to website where you may now download this **FREE** calculator

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Calculate Normal Protine Reference Range & Geometric Mean For Use in INR Formula



TYPE YOUR LAB NAME HERE

Facility Name

Document Test System Information

Instrument: Test: **Prothrombin Time**

PT Reagent Description	Lot Number	Exp. Date	ISI
<input type="text" value="INNOVIN"/>	<input type="text" value="123456.."/>	<input type="text" value="12/20"/>	<input type="text" value="1.08"/>

Enter Normal Patient Protine Data (Seconds)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
<input type="text" value="12.10"/>	<input type="text" value="10.90"/>	<input type="text" value="10.50"/>	<input type="text" value="10.50"/>	<input type="text" value="11.60"/>	<input type="text" value="10.20"/>
<input type="text" value="11.90"/>	<input type="text" value="12.20"/>	<input type="text" value="11.60"/>	<input type="text" value="9.90"/>	<input type="text" value="10.70"/>	<input type="text" value="10.00"/>
<input type="text" value="11.70"/>	<input type="text" value="12.80"/>	<input type="text" value="12.00"/>	<input type="text" value="11.60"/>	<input type="text" value="9.80"/>	<input type="text" value="9.80"/>
<input type="text" value="11.90"/>	<input type="text" value="13.10"/>	<input type="text" value="13.00"/>	<input type="text" value="11.80"/>	<input type="text" value="10.90"/>	<input type="text" value="10.50"/>
<input type="text" value="12.10"/>	<input type="text" value="10.90"/>	<input type="text" value="11.90"/>	<input type="text" value="12.00"/>	<input type="text" value="11.80"/>	<input type="text" value="11.00"/>

Enter results of prothrombin times for, ideally, a minimum of 20 normal, healthy subjects. Employ even numbers of males and females, free of known illnesses and medications known to alter coagulation processes. Results (Seconds) may be entered by day or randomly as so desired.

CLICK ALL 3 BOXES ==>>> <<<< RE-CLICK WITH CHANGES

Calculated PT Mean, and Normal Reference Range

N =	<input type="text" value="30"/>	2 SD Range =	<input type="text" value="9.44"/>	to	<input type="text" value="13.20"/>
Geometric Mean =	<input type="text" value="11.32"/>	3 SD Range =	<input type="text" value="8.50"/>	to	<input type="text" value="14.14"/>
Arithmetic Mean =	<input type="text" value="11.36"/>	(Seconds)	Optional Comparison With Prior Test System		
1 SD =	<input type="text" value="0.94"/>	Historical 1 SD =	<input type="text" value="0.50"/>		
CV% =	<input type="text" value="8.30"/>	2 SD Range =	<input type="text" value="10.32"/>	to	<input type="text" value="12.32"/>

November 22, 2018 Analyst: _____

Prothrombin Time – ISI & INR

COLA

COLA Requirement:

CO 1E Does the laboratory have a mechanism to ensure that the correct activity of the Thromboplastin, as indicated by the ISI, (corresponding to the current lot number of tissue thromboplastin in use) is used to calculate the INR prior to the use of each new lot number?

“The ISI is the International Sensitivity Index value that is determined by the thromboplastin reagent manufacturer for your particular instrument or method. The ISI is an indication of how sensitive the thromboplastin reagent is in relation to the standard set by the World Health Organization.”

*“**NOTE:** Frequently ISI values differ from batch to batch or lot to lot of Thromboplastin. When values change, the new value must be updated and used in calculating the INR.”*

Verify INR Calculations

COLA

COLA Requirement:

QA 23R

Does the laboratory's QA Plan include at least annual verification of the accuracy of the INR calculation? This includes:

- Verification that the correct ISI value for the lot number in use is included in the calculation;
- Verification that the current normal patient mean is included in the calculation; and
- Verification that the calculation of the INR is accurate.

“Incorrect INR values can have potentially harmful effects on patients. A patient’s medication dosage may be adjusted to a level that is dangerous for the patient if the INR calculation is reported incorrectly. As part of the QA Plan, at least annually, confirm that the correct values for ISI and normal patient mean are being utilized, and that the calculation, whether performed by your staff, or by a computer, yields the correct results.”

Protime - INR Calculation Validation Tool

Tip:

Form [calculates](#) INR based on ISI and Patient Mean, then compares to INR calculated by analyzer or LIS

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Protime - INR Calculation / Validation



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This Smart Lab Tool allows you to validate coagulation instrument and/or lab computer calculations for Protime - INR. Enter 'ISI', 'Patient Mean of Normal Range', and 'Patient PT Seconds'. PT Ratio and INR will be calculated, as well as % difference of INR derived from instrument and/or lab computer (LIS).

$$\text{INR} = (\text{Secs} / \text{Patient Mean})^{\text{ISI}}$$

Coagulation Instrument	Protime Reagent	Lot Number of PT Reagent	ISI	PT Mean (Secs)
KC4-DELTA	TriniCLOT PT e	J187730	1.74	11.50

Note: INR calculation here is to 2 decimal places for comparison purposes
It is recommended that Patient INR be reported only to single decimal place.

<Enter> Specimen I.D.	<Enter> Patient Seconds	Secs / PT Mean Ratio	Calc. INR	<Enter> Instrumt. INR	Calc. % Diff.	<Enter> LIS INR	Calc. % Diff.
1234	12.00	1.04	1.08	1.08	0.00	1.1	1.82
2345	15.00	1.30	1.59	1.59	0.00	1.6	0.63
3456	18.00	1.57	2.18	2.18	0.00	2.2	0.91
4567	20.00	1.74	2.62	2.62	0.00	2.6	-0.77
5678	24.00	2.09	3.60	3.60	0.00	3.6	0.00
6789	28.00	2.43	4.70	4.70	0.00	4.7	0.00

INR calculated results MUST match those produced by coagulation analyzer or LIS. Only minor % difference may be seen due to rounding. (Secs/PT Mean Ratio is an intermediary calculation only)

Must Click on Check-Box to Complete Calculations. Re-Click with Changes.

VERIFY that current PT reagent insert 'ISI' and 'Patient Mean Seconds' of current reagent lot number are being used for calculations by the analyzer or LIS

Comments: /// Lab reported results are in agreement with analyzer calculated INR ///

August 12, 2018
Date of Validation

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Coagulation Tips

Tips

1. Examiner will want to verify 'ISI' used for each lot of thromboplastin used for the previous 2 years. Have records organized & available.
2. Be prepared to demonstrate how and where 'ISI' setting is made in the coagulation analyzer. If not familiar with this task ..Practice!
3. Be prepared to show how 'Patient Mean's' were calculated for the past and present lots of PT reagent.
4. Verify correct settings frequently, as you cannot undo potential patient harm should incorrect settings and calculations be used.
5. Pay attention to pre-analytical requirements for coagulation samples such as fill volume and added centrifugation time for platelet poor plasma .. 15 minutes @ 1500xg (~2500-3500 rpm depending on rotor).

Coagulation Tips

Tips (Pre-Analytical)

6. Examiners can make mistakes.. What is wrong with the following citation?

ORG 14	General	ORG 14 Do personnel follow all procedures as written in the procedure manual?	The laboratory does not follow specimen processing procedures for Coagulation. The lab centrifuges for 10 minutes at 2500 rpm. The lab uses the package insert as the procedure and the insert states <u>15 minutes at 1500 rpm.</u>
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SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND TREATMENT

Nine volumes of blood are to be collected in one volume of 3.2% (0.109M) sodium citrate. Immediately after blood collection, samples are centrifuged at 1500 x g for 15 minutes. Storage at 2-8°C is not recommended as it may result in cold activation of Factor VII. Refer to the most recent version of the CLSI document H21-A5 for further instructions regarding specimen collection and treatment.⁷

Plasma storage: 8 hours at 20 ± 5°C.⁸

Do not store plasma at 2-8°C.⁹

Coagulation Tips

Tips (Pre-Analytical)

- Helpful Chart to understand the relationship between Centrifugal G-Force RCF, and RPM

Centrifuge Reference Guide

Centrifuges with Horizontal Rotors

Model	Urine	Sodium Citrate (Coag) PPP	Plasma Serum (Chemistry)	PRP PRF	STAT	Mobile Care	Max RPM	Max G-Force RCF	Settings	Control	Digital Display	Up to 17 x 75 or 100 mm or 10 mL
Cycle Time (Minutes)												
642B*		15	10				3380	1600	One	Knob		6
642E		15	10				3380	1600	One	Button		6
642M		15	10			✓	3400	1600	One	Button		6
HORIZON 6	5	15	10	✓			3800	2000	Three	Button		6
HORIZON 6 Flex	5	15	10	✓			3800	2000	Ten	Button	✓	6

I Am Too Hot!

What To Do When Your Temperatures
are Out of Range
Lynh Rowe, CLS

Objectives

1. Understand why temperature documentation is critical
2. Know how to correctly read a digital thermometer and document temperatures
3. Know the steps to take when the temperature is out of range: Corrective Action
4. Review the supervisor responsibilities
5. Train ourselves to become critical document auditors



2 Temperature and Humidity Monitoring

Have you ever encountered a temperature log that seemed forgotten, with the last readings entered months before? What about a recorded temperature that is outside of the acceptable range with no corrective action to be found? Temperature records are not kept just for CAP compliance, though this is a requirement. The intent of monitoring temperature is to ensure that reagents, supplies, equipment, kits and specimens are stored at appropriate, validated temperatures to ensure integrity of testing for the patient.

In order to ensure proper temperatures are maintained, all items to be stored in a refrigerator, freezer or room must first be evaluated for proper storage temperature. This fundamental step is often overlooked. Do not just assume that refrigerated means 2 to 8 degrees Celsius or frozen means -10 to -30 degrees Celsius. Manufacturers establish temperature specifications based on their own stability studies, and laboratories are obligated to follow these requirements.

Just as temperature monitoring is often ignored or done poorly, humidity monitoring is often overlooked. When humidity is found to be outside of acceptable ranges, often, no corrective action is implemented as potential solutions are seemingly too costly or complex. Has your laboratory performed a thorough evaluation of manufacturer and best practice stability specifications of temperature and humidity requirements for all reagents, kits, equipment and specimens? If not, your laboratory may have a serious compliance and patient safety risks lurking. [Jennifer Dawson, MHA, DLM\(ASCP\)SLS, QLC, QIHC](#)

Humidity Records

COLA

COLA Requirement:

MA 6R If your laboratory's instrumentation is affected by humidity, is the humidity in the laboratory monitored and corrective action taken if it exceeds the manufacturer's acceptable limits?

To determine if this criterion is applicable to your instrument, check for environmental conditions or specifications in the operator's manual generally found in the section marked "Set Up" or "Installation." Most instruments have an acceptable operating range that is easily met and maintained. However others may have a narrow range, as humidity can affect instrument performance or accuracy and sensitivity of the test method. The more restrictive the range, the more critical it is to monitor humidity when testing is performed.

Reference: Cola Laboratory Accreditation Manual 2018

Check Humidity Requirements

Instrument Manual Stated: 40-80% Unrealistic for this lower desert community lab

Thank you for contacting Technical Support regarding the humidity requirements for the Tosoh G8 Analyzer. The environmental specification for humidity is intended to eliminate static electricity. Discharge of static electricity has potential to cause damage to analyzer components, cause plastic parts to attract or repel each other, and cause minor static shock to the operator.

The Tosoh G8 Analyzer environmental specification for humidity can be modified as follows:

Humidity	20 % to 80 %; non-condensing
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When using this modified specification, an anti-static floor mat must be placed in the workspace in front of the analyzer. A rubber floor mat would be suitable for this purpose.

LABORATORY HUMIDITY RECORD

REPLACE WITH
NAME OF
LABORATORY

EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION n/a	SERIAL NUMBER n/a	DEPARTMENT Lab	ACCEPTABLE LIMITS 30 - 70 %	OTHER n/a	SUPERVISORY REVIEW
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Temperature Records

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COLA Requirement:

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Are temperatures recorded each day of testing and corrective action taken and documented when out of range?

Each day of testing temperatures should be recorded. When the temperature is outside of the established range corrective action should be taken to ensure the integrity of the reagents, specimens, instruments and kits. Temperature problems can adversely affect patient results. Always document the actions taken whenever a temperature problem is detected.

Remember to record temperatures of refrigerators and freezers any time reagents or specimens are stored in them.

Reference: Cola Laboratory Accreditation Manual 2018

Temperature Ranges Established?

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COLA Requirement:

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Have acceptable ranges for temperature been established for each of the following: Refrigerators, Freezers, Room Temperature, Incubators, Water Baths, Dry Bath, & other temperature dependent equipment ?

An acceptable range should be established for the above temperature checks by consulting information that comes with the instruments and kits in use in your laboratory.

When a temperature is out of range, corrective action should be recorded.

Temperature Certification

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COLA Requirement:

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Are thermometers verified for accuracy prior to use?

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*Thermometers can be checked by comparing them to a National Institute for Standards and Technologies (NIST) standard thermometer or other **certified thermometer**. If the thermometer is found to be inaccurate, a correction factor may be applied.*

NIST standard thermometers may be bought from your laboratory supply company.

Consultants Certified Thermometer



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Instrument Identification

Account #: 15804 PO#: COD
 Daniel W. Leighton, Consulting LLC
 51 S. Ladan Lane SO#: 32497
 Anaheim Hills, CA 92808

Instrument ID: 114463
 Mfr: FLUKE Serial #: 4710393
 Model: 51 Noun: Digital Thermometer (Single Input)
 Accuracy: $\pm 0.1\%$ of reading + 0.7°C (+1.3°F)

Certification Information

Reason For Service: Calibration Technician: Kevin Halloran
 Type Of Calibration: Normal Cal Date: 29 NOV 18
 As Found Condition: In Tolerance Cal Due: 29 NOV 20
 As Left Condition: In Tolerance Temperature: 24.0 °C
 Procedure: 33K5-4-275-1 R03 : Digital Thermometer (51 or equiv) Humidity: 51.0 %
 Remarks: Measurement Uncertainty @ k=2: $\pm 0.09^\circ\text{C}/0.16^\circ\text{F}$

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19281	Calibration	Normal	In Tolerance	In Tolerance	10 Jan 2011	10 Jan 2012
9907	Calibration	Normal	In Tolerance	In Tolerance	21 Jan 2013	21 Jan 2015
8848	Calibration	Normal	Out of Tolerance	In Tolerance, Adjusted	12 Dec 2014	12 Dec 2016
10669	Calibration	Normal	In Tolerance	In Tolerance	18 Nov 2016	18 Nov 2018
5814	Calibration	Normal	In Tolerance	In Tolerance	29 Nov 2018	29 Nov 2020

✓ In Tolerance ✗ Out of Tolerance

Calibration Data

Range	Nominal	As Found	As Left	Min	Max
T1 Temperature in °C ("K" T/C)					
-100.0	-100	-99.8	✓ left as found	-100.8	-99.2
0.0	0	0.2	✓ left as found	-0.7	0.7
100.0	100	100.4	✓ left as found	99.2	100.8
200.0	200	200.2	✓ left as found	199.1	200.9
400.0	400	400.0	✓ left as found	398.9	401.1
600.0	600	600.4	✓ left as found	598.7	601.3
800.0	800	800.3	✓ left as found	798.5	801.5
1000.0	1000	999.9	✓ left as found	998.3	1001.7
1300.0	1300	1300.1	✓ left as found	1298.0	1302.0
0.000	0.0	n/a	n/a	-0.7	0.7
End of Datasheet					

Calibration Standards

Traceable #	Instrument ID#	Description	Model	Calibration Date	Date Due
40273	4001	Temperature Humidity Recorder Multi-Product Calibrator	RH520 5500A-SC300	01 FEB 2018	28 FEB 2019
40762	661			14 FEB 2018	28 FEB 2019

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Temperature Corrective Action

COLA

COLA Requirement:

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Does the laboratory take and document all corrective actions taken when storage conditions are not maintained within established limits?

“If proper storage conditions are not maintained, the integrity of reagents, controls, calibrators, and patient specimens cannot be assured. When such events occur the lab should document when the condition was identified, the action taken to correct the problem or relocate supplies to maintain appropriate storage conditions.”

Reference: Cola Laboratory Accreditation Manual 2018



REPLACE WITH NAME OF LABORATORY

MAIN LABORATORY

REFRIGERATOR

UNIT ID# _____

RANGE: 2.0 - 8.0 'C

CORRECTIVE ACTION LOG

DATE	RACK OR UNIT ID *	PATIENT EFFECT		1. DESCRIBE FINDINGS 2. DESCRIBE IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION 3. WHAT WAS PATIENT EFFECT, HOW WAS IT ADDRESSED OR WHY IS IT NOT AN ISSUE.	INITIAL
		YES	NO		
				1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	
				1. YOU MAY TYPE INTO THIS FORM.... 2. _____ 3. _____	
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Code 1 = Routine activity causing rise in temperature. Monitor unit and keep door closed until unit recovers.

Code 2 = Unit undergoing routine maintenance

Code 3 = Large # of specimens placed into/removed from freezer tables, causing rise in temperature.

Code 4 = Wires accidentally disconnected. Reconnected wires. Samples not compromised (Explain)

Code 5 = Reason could not be determined

Code 6 = Power failure

Code 7 = Other (Explain)

Code 8 = Temperature was still rising. Monitor unit and keep door closed until unit recovers.

Code 9 = Person notified that service is needed or electronic work order submitted (Describe who was notified and when)

Code 10 = Reagents / Controls / Calibrators or Specimens not compromised (Explain)

* Where applicable

Review _____ Date _____

Temperature / Humidity Tips

Tips (page 1 of 2)

1. Recording Temperatures is an important task that requires training and competency
2. ALL persons recording temperatures should first review the training Power-Point *"I'm too hot"*
3. Read the insert instructions that came with the digital thermometer to ensure knowledge of settings: F to C, Min-Max Alarms, Re-Set, if dual probes 'IN' and 'OUT'.. Knowing which is which
4. Remember to **'Read', 'Record', 'Reset'** when using Min-Max thermometers
5. Citations will occur when materials stored in freezers are not within product required Temperatures
6. Frozen controls often require storage of -20 °C or colder

Temperature / Humidity Tips

Tips (page 2 of 2)

7. Purchase **certified** thermometers.. Be sure to check expiration date, some are good for 2 years, otherwise validate at least annually against an NIST certified device.
 8. If using an outside service to certify onsite annually, be sure a copy of the current reference thermometer certificate is provided.
 9. For annual temperature / humidity forms print on heavier paper to endure the entire year.
 - 10 Use of larger screen digital thermometers make the process easier and more likely obtain a correct reading.
 - 11 Supervisors should frequently review logs,.. be certain 'Outliers' have supporting corrective actions. Document on SLT Corrective Action Log.
 - 12 Also refer to [*SOP Checklist for Temperature Monitoring*](#)
-

SLP_126 Temperature Record Portfolio

Includes Temperature Control, Laboratory Humidity, and a Miscellaneous Monthly record.

These templates are **FREE**. Click on **BLUE TAB** links below to download and save individual PDF charts.

Also see 'Min-Max' temperature charts

REPLACE WITH NAME OF LABORATORY

MAIN LABORATORY REFRIGERATOR UNIT ID# RANGE: 2.0 - 8.0 °C

CORRECTIVE ACTION LOG

DATE	INCIDENT REPORT #	PARENT EFFECT TYPE #	DESCRIPTION	INITIALS
			1. DESCRIBE FACTORS 2. DESCRIBE IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION 3. STATE WHEN PARENT EFFECT, WHEN THIS IS OCCURRED OR MAY BE IT NOT AN ISSUE	
			Daniel	

Code 1 = Routine activity causing rise in temperature. Monitor unit and keep door closed until unit returns.
Code 2 = Cold pathogen(s) under investigation.
Code 3 = Large # of equipment placed into/removed from frozen state, causing rise in temperature.
Code 4 = When accidentally disconnected. Reconnected error. Sample not compromised (Epi-Alert)
Code 5 = Reason could not be determined.
Code 6 = Power failure.
Code 7 = Other (Specify)
Code 8 = Temperature was still rising. Monitor unit and keep door closed until unit returns.
Code 9 = Person notified but service is needed or situation with some equipment (Epi-Alert) was not notified and others.
Code 10 = Reagents / Controls / Calibrators or Specimens not compromised (Epi-Alert)

*Where applicable: Review: _____ Date: _____



TEMPERATURE CONTROL RECORD

LAB NAME HERE

EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION	SERIAL NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	ACCEPTABLE LIMITS	THERMOMETER ID	SUPERVISORY REVIEW																														
REFRIGERATOR		LAB	2-8 °C		DATE	INITIALS																													
YEAR 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
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OCTOBER																																			
NOVEMBER																																			
DECEMBER																																			

FOR RECORDING TEMPERATURES FOR ROOM TEMP-REFRIGERATORS-FREEZERS-HEATING BLOCKS-WATER BATHS
 SLT_126 Temp Record v 1.5b
 Daniel W. Leighton

TEMPERATURE RECORDED BY: NU = NOT IN USE
 NR = NOT RECORDED

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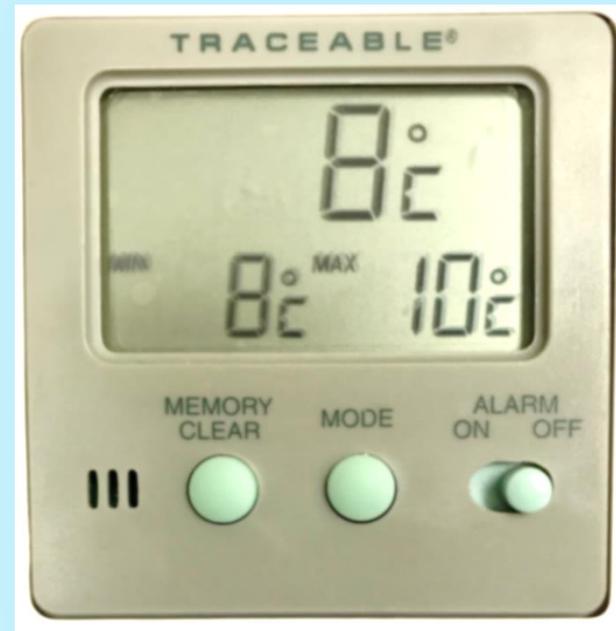
- Download Temperature Chart - Blue
- Download Temperature Chart - Green
- Download Temperature Chart - Misc.
- Download Humidity Chart
- Download Temp. Corrective Action Log



Minimum-Maximum Thermometer...

- If a **minimum/maximum thermometer** is used to perform continuous monitoring of temperatures between daily temperature readings or following a laboratory downtime (e.g. laboratory closure for weekend or holiday), both the low and high temperatures must be recorded. To ensure correct temperature readings, the minimum/maximum thermometer **device must be reset prior to the monitoring period**

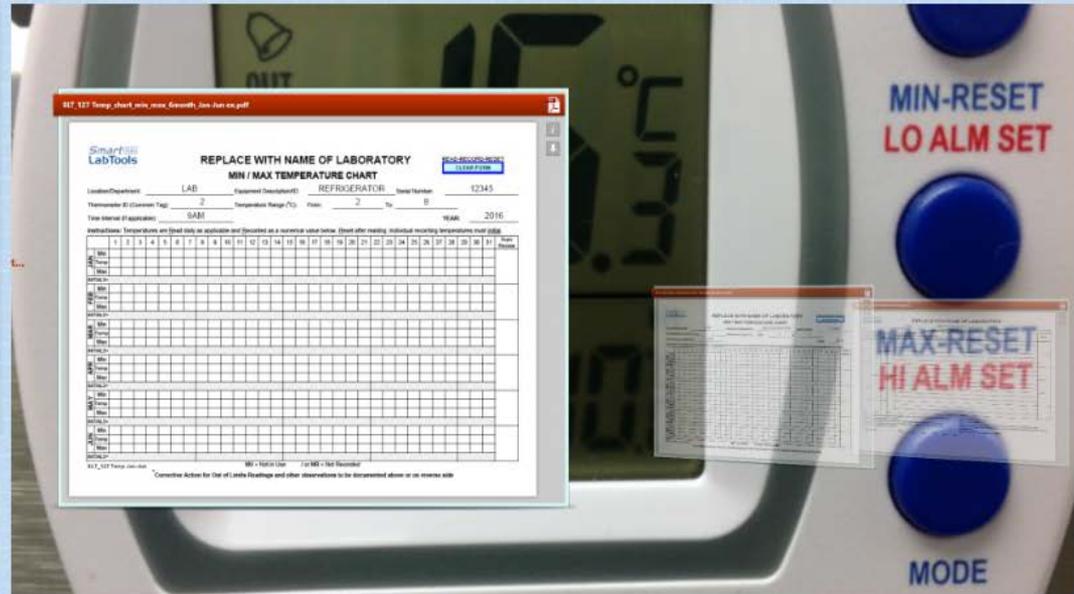
Read, Record, Reset



SLP_127 Min-Max Temperature Charts

Includes:

- SLP_127 6-month Temperature Chart (January - June)
- SLP_128 6-month Temperature Chart (July - December)
- Corrective Action Log
- These Charts are **FREE**



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REPLACE WITH NAME OF LABORATORY
MIN / MAX TEMPERATURE CHART
LABORATORY: LAB, EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION: REFRIGERATOR, SERIAL NUMBER: 12345
TEMPERATURE TAG: 2, TEMPERATURE RANGE (°C): FROM: 2, TO: 8, YEAR: 2016, MONTH: JAN
INSTRUCTIONS: Temperatures are listed only as applicable and recorded on a numeric value below. Avoid other markings, including temperatures near 0°C.
CORRECTIVE ACTION: For Out of Limits Readings and other observations to be documented above or on reverse side.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION: For Out of Limits Readings and other observations to be documented above or on reverse side.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION: For Out of Limits Readings and other observations to be documented above or on reverse side.

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REPLACE WITH NAME OF LABORATORY MIN / MAX TEMPERATURE CHART

READ-RECORD-RESET
CLEAR FORM

Location/Department: General Lab Equipment Description/ID: Refrigerator Serial Number: 123466
 Thermometer ID (Common Tag): 101 Temperature Range (°C): From: 2.0 To: 8.0
 Time Interval (If applicable): am YEAR: 2019

Instructions: Temperatures are Read daily as applicable and Recorded as a numerical value below. Reset after reading. Individual recording temperatures must initial.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Supv Review	
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	Temp																																	
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SLT_127 Temp Jan-Jun

NU = Not in Use / or NR = Not Recorded

* Corrective Action for Out of Limits Readings and other observations to be documented above or on reverse side

Method Validation – Reference Range (1)

COLA	COLA Requirement:	May Trigger Citation
VER4	Prior to patient testing, have each of the following performance specifications been verified and documented for each non-waived test or method: Reference range?	When laboratory did not validate the Reference Ranges for tests being performed.

“The span of values for a particular test that represents the results you would expect to see in a healthy (normal) patient population. Initially, you may use the manufacturer’s suggested reference range. The laboratory is required to monitor the applicability of this range and make adjustments as necessary.”

Reference: COLA LabGuide 13 ‘How to Verify Performance Specifications’

Method Validation – Reference Range (2)

COLA	COLA Requirement:	May Trigger Citation
VER 13 R	Are the established reference (normal) ranges for all patient tests appropriate for the laboratory's patient population?	When laboratory did not validate the Reference Ranges for tests being performed.

“As part of the validation process for implementation of non-waived tests and/or methods, the laboratory will need to verify the appropriateness of reference ranges. Consider the patient population served by your laboratory.”

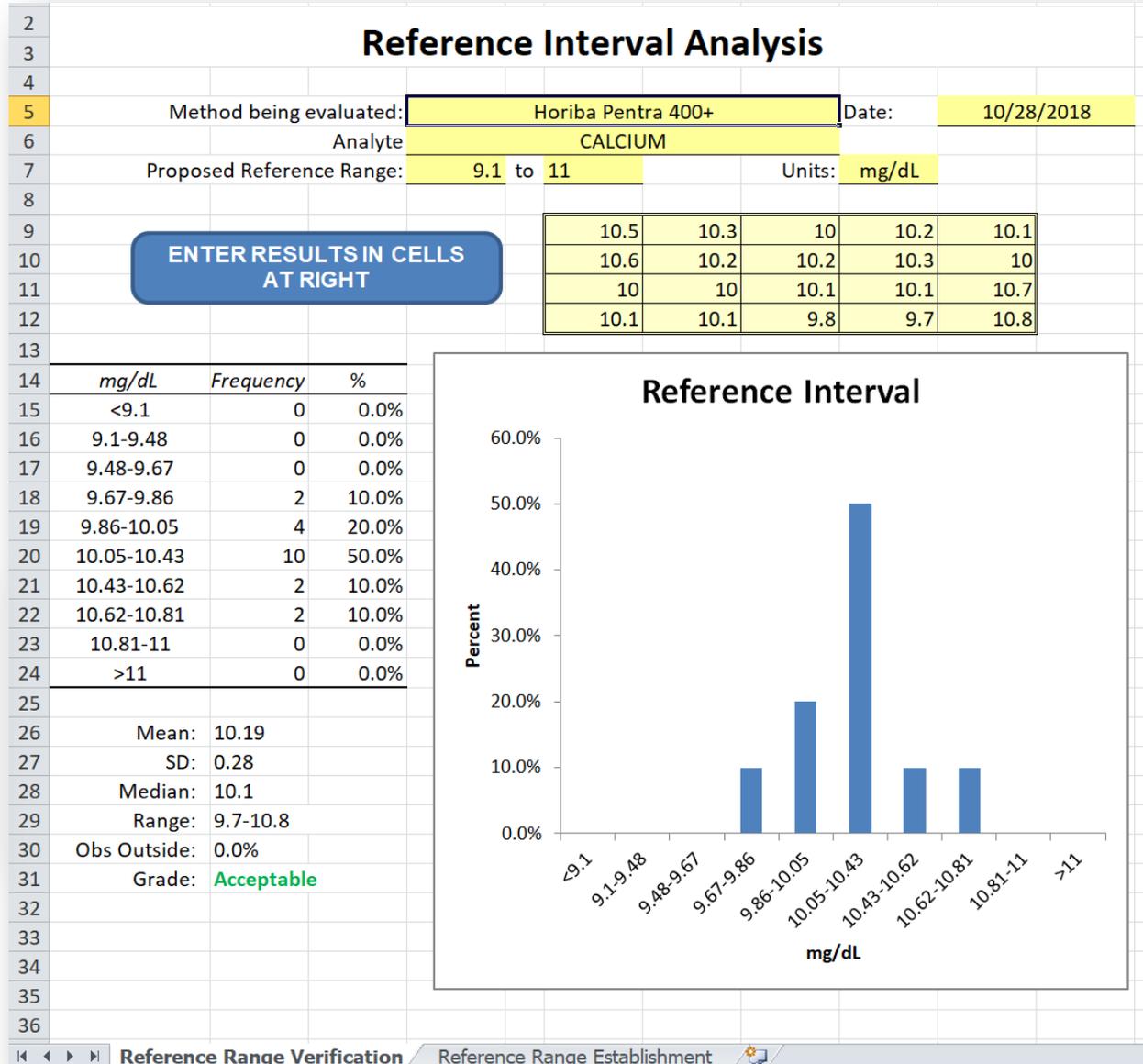
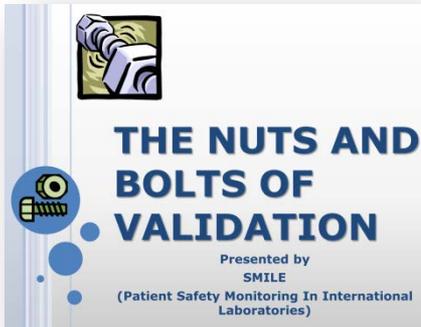
“Once reference ranges are established, the laboratory will want to monitor the ranges as part of its quality assessment program”

Reference: COLA Laboratory Accreditation Manual

Reference Range Verification 'Tool'

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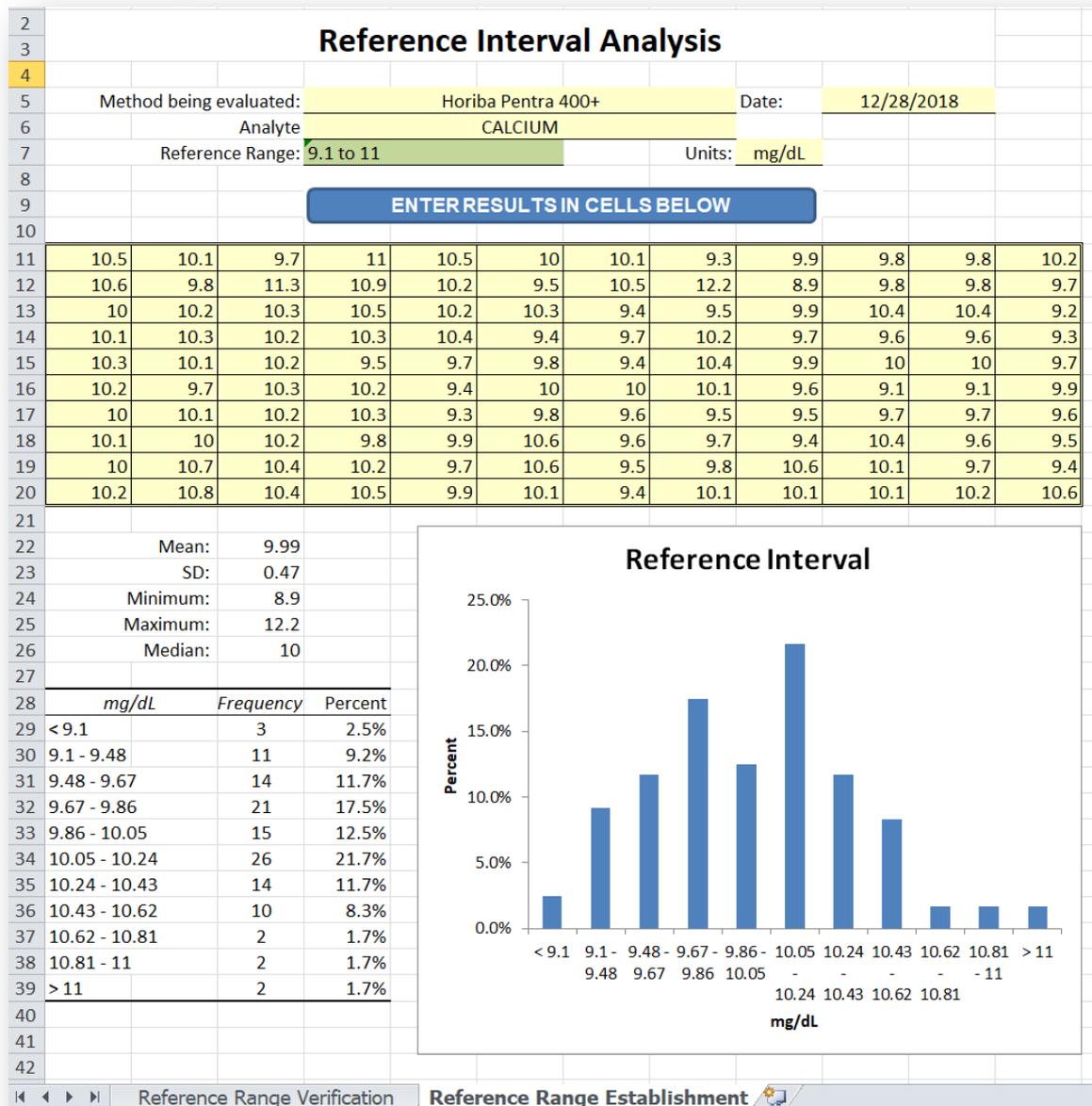
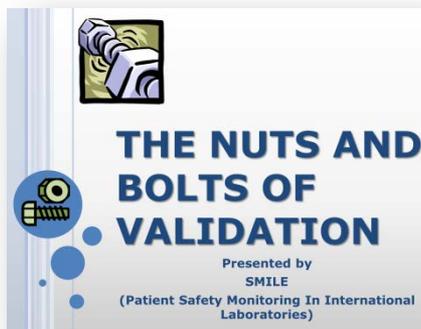
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Proficiency Testing (1 of 4)

COLA	COLA Requirement:	May Trigger Citation
PT2	PT2 For each regulated analyte tested in your laboratory, do you perform and report PT results to the PT Provider for all events, unless you have been granted an exemption by the PT Program and COLA for voluntarily ceasing to test an analyte	Missed PT event
PT5	Do you follow the same procedures for testing PT samples as you do for patient specimens?	Not rotating challenges among all testing personnel; repeating samples when it does not meet repeat criteria; calibrating right before running samples

Proficiency Testing (2 of 4)

COLA	COLA Requirement	May Trigger Citation
PT9	When results are unsatisfactory, do you evaluate the results and take appropriate corrective action	No corrective action documented; corrective action only includes repeats but no evaluation of patient impact or investigation into root cause
PT10	Does your laboratory verify the accuracy of any analyte specialty, or subspecialty that is assigned a PT score that does not reflect the accuracy of the laboratory's actual performance?	No evaluation of non graded PT results

Proficiency Testing (3 of 4)

COLA	COLA Requirement	May Trigger Citation
PT8	Are all PT results reviewed and evaluated by the laboratory director or other qualified designee in a timely manner?	No review by LD or qualified individual; no date of review; date of review greater than 30 days after receipt of results
PT15	A copy of the attestation form signed by the director and testing personnel?	Attestations either missing or not signed
PT16	An indication of the review of the graded results by the director as well as the testing personnel?	No indication that PT results are reviewed by laboratory staff such as Consultant, Supervisors, or testing personnel

Proficiency Testing Tools (4 of 4)

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[Proficiency Testing Checklist](#)

[Investigation of Ungraded Proficiency Testing](#)

[Proficiency General Investigation Checklist](#)

[Proficiency Testing Corrective Action Checklist](#)

Non-Regulated Analytes

COLA	COLA Requirement	May Trigger Citation
PT4E	For each unregulated analyte tested in your laboratory that you have not enrolled in a COLA-approved PT program, do you perform and compare the results of external split-specimen testing on at least five specimens twice a year in periodic intervals?	<p>Not verifying the accuracy of non-regulated analytes by participation in a PT program, or by other means such as Split Specimen Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 specimens, twice per year • 4 of 5 (80%) meet acceptance criteria

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[Link to SLT Correlation Testing, Split Samples](#)

[Link to SLT PT Self Assessment Tool](#)

COLA LabGuide 9— “Split Specimen Analysis.”

Competency Assessment (1 of 2)

COLA	COLA Requirement	May Trigger Citation
PER 5	Does your director or Technical Supervisor, Technical Consultant follow written policies and procedures to periodically evaluate personnel performance and competency of all staff involved in pre-analytical, analytic, and post-analytic phases of testing, as well as those responsible for supervision and consultation?	Competency assessments not performed; not done at six months, one year, and annual frequency; performed by individuals not qualified as TC or higher; ineffective reviews

Competency Assessment (2 of 2)

COLA	COLA Requirement	May Trigger Citation
PER6	Do the personnel reviews include the person's continuing education	No continuing education performed

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Calibration Frequency

COLA	COLA Requirements	May Trigger a Citation
CA1	For all non-waived tests and methods, applicable, is calibration performed at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer or at the frequency determined by the laboratory if more stringent than the manufacturer?	Calibration not performed at required frequency; very common with hematology analyzers

Calibration Schedule Example



IMPERIAL VALLEY FAMILY CARE - LABORATORY

CALIBRATION VERIFICATION SCHEDULE

 12/01/2018

#	Assay	Analyzer	Materials	Date Done	Date Due	Days Left	Status	Action
1	25-Hydroxyvitamin D (25-OH-D)	LIASON	DIASORIN	06/13/2018	12/13/2018	12	Almost Due	
2	CRP(HS)	VITROS	MICROAUDIT	09/02/2018	03/02/2019	91	O.K.	
3	DIRECT LDL	VITROS	MICROAUDIT	09/02/2018	03/02/2019	91	O.K.	
4	DIRECT TIBC	VITROS	MICROAUDIT	09/02/2018	03/02/2019	91	O.K.	
5	LYTES	VITROS	MICROAUDIT	09/02/2018	03/02/2019	91	O.K.	
6	TSH	ARCHITECT	MICROAUDIT	09/02/2018	03/02/2019	91	O.K.	
7	FREE T3	ARCHITECT	MICROAUDIT	09/02/2018	03/02/2019	91	O.K.	
8	FREE PSA	ARCHITECT	MICROAUDIT	09/02/2018	03/02/2019	91	O.K.	
9	FSH	ARCHITECT	MICROAUDIT	09/02/2018	03/02/2019	91	O.K.	
10	TOTAL PSA	ARCHITECT	MICROAUDIT	09/02/2018	03/02/2019	91	O.K.	
11	FERRITIN	ARCHITECT	MICROAUDIT	09/02/2018	03/02/2019	91	O.K.	
12	XN-550 HEMATOLOGY	SYSMEX	SYSMEX	11/04/2018	05/04/2019	154	O.K.	
13	GLYCOHEMOGLOBIN	TOSOH G8	BIO RAD	12/01/2018	06/01/2019	182	O.K.	

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Some Lab Scheduled Events

1

- Competency Assessment of Staff @ 6 months initially, 12 months thereafter

2

- Calibration Verification for quantitative analytes with <3 calibrators @ 6 months

3

- PT twice/yr for non-regulated analytes

4

- Annual Equipment PM, Thermometer & Centrifuge Calibrations

5

- Annual Director Review/Sign Lab P&P

Calibration Verification

COLA COLA / CLIA Requirements

- CA 2R Is calibration verification performed, according to the manufacturer's instructions including:
- the number, type and concentration of materials to be used,
 - use of materials at low, medium and high values within the reportable range, as determined by the laboratory,
 - acceptable limits for calibration verification, once every six months or more often if required by laboratory procedures?

Calibration Verification - Samples

USE MATERIALS OF KNOWN CONCENTRATION: REF: LAB GUIDE 15

- Commercially available calibration materials or linearity sets
- Same lot number of calibration materials that you are using for calibration of the instrument, provided that calibration is performed in calibration mode and calibration verification is performed in patient testing mode
- Previously Tested Proficiency testing samples with known results
CLIA-defined acceptability limits are listed in the PT summary
- Control materials with known results; (You must use a different lot number of QC material for calibration verification than you use for your routine quality control.)
Acceptability limits are established by the manufacturer
- Patient specimens with known results Use limits that are reasonable for the analyte, i.e., $\pm 2SD$, or \pm a set amount or percentage.

Calibration Verification Assessment

CALIBRATION VERIFICATION WORKSHEET AND DOCUMENTATION FORM

Date _____ Analyte _____
 Instrument _____ Serial # _____
 Reagent/strip/cassette Lot # _____ Expiration Date _____
 Calibration Materials Used _____
 Source of Acceptable Limits _____

	Low Level	Mid Level	High Level
Lot Number			
Expiration Date			
Expected Result			
Acceptable Limits			

Calibration Verification Results			
	Low Level	Mid Level	High Level
Repetition #1			
Repetition #2			
Repetition #3			
Mean			
Results acceptable?			
Comments and/or Corrective Actions _____ _____ _____			

Performed by _____
 LD Review _____ Date _____



CALIBRATION VERIFICATION ASSESSMENT

INSTITUTE FOR PROGRESSIVE MEDICINE

Analyte:	GLUCOSE	Analyte Measurement Range	
Date of Verification:	11/21/18	Stated:	1.98 - 900
Instrument:	PENTRA 400	Verified:	7.57 - 801.97
Serial Number:			
Cal-Ver Material:	AUDIT LOT# 06636	Exp. Date:	05/16/20
Reagent Lot No.:	CURRENT LOT	Exp. Date:	
Performed by:	KATHY	%TEa:	10

Specimen:	A	C	E		
Target Range Low:	6.30	393.30	710.10	0.00	0.00
Target Value:	7.00	437.00	789.00		
Target Range High:	7.70	480.70	867.90	0.00	0.00
Observed Value 1:	7.70	438.50	818.50		
Observed Value 2:	7.20	441.00	791.00		
Observed Value 3:	7.80	433.80	796.40		
Observed Value 4:					
Observed Result Mean:	7.57	437.77	801.97		
Interpretation:	Within Range	Within Range	Within Range		
Percent Recovery:	108%	100%	102%	0%	0%

Check Box to Complete Calculations,
or when Data Changes Made

Comments:

TEa = CLIA // CAL-VERIFICATION ACCEPTABLE

Reviewed by & date: _____

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Reset Form

Reset Data

Verification of Accuracy of Calculations

COLA

COLA Requirement:

LIS
2.4 **Validation of the accuracy of data entry and verification of accuracy of any calculations performed?**

This should be verified initially prior to the LIS being put into use and then assessed periodically as part of a quality assessment review.

Reference: Cola Laboratory Accreditation Manual 2018

Tool to Verify Common Lab Calculations

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L.I.S. Verify Calculations

Report ID : 12345

BUN	Creatinine	BUN/Crea (calc.)
20	1.9	10.53

BUN/Creatinine Ratio = (BUN/Creatinine)

Albumin	Total Protein	Globulin (calc.)	A/G ratio
3.5	7.2	3.70	0.95

Globulin = (T.Protein - Albumin) A/G ratio = Albumin / (T.Protein - Albumin)

Na+	K+	Cl-	HCO ₃ - (CO ₂)	Anion Gap (calc.)
135	5.5	105	30	5.50

Anion Gap = (Na + K) - (HCO₃ + CL) *Note: Verify same formula for Anion Gap is being used*

Cholesterol	Triglycerides	HDL	Chol/HDL ratio	LDL (calc.)	VLDL (calc.)
155	200	55	2.82	60.00	40.00

Chol / HDL ratio = (Chol / HDL) VLDL = (Trigl / 5) LDL = Chol - (Trigl / 5) - HDL

Tool to Verify eGFR Calculations

Do you know which equation your laboratory reports?

Simultaneously calculate results for three equations.

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To Calculate GFR, INPUT the following 2 variables:

Serum
Creatinine
mg/dL

1.30

2 decimal pts.
is preferred

Age*
(Years)

71

* For > 18 yrs

Reset

Traditional Calibration 4 variable MDRD Study Equation

Non-Black Male	Non-Black Female	Black Male	Black Female
58	43	70	52

Calibration Traceable to IDMS Re-expressed 4 variable MDRD Study Equation

Non-Black Male	Non-Black Female	Black Male	Black Female
54	40	66	49

CKD-EPI GFR Newer Equation by Levey, et. al.

Non-Black Male	Non-Black Female	Black Male	Black Female
55	41	64	48

CKD-EPI equation by Levey, et. al.

$eGFR = 141 \times \min(Scr/k, 1)^a \times \max(Scr/k, 1)^{-1.209} \times 0.993^{Age}$
[x 1.018 if female] [x 1.159 if Black]

**YOUR CLINICAL
LABORATORY**

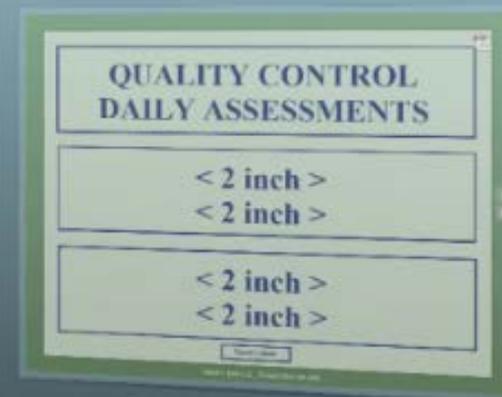
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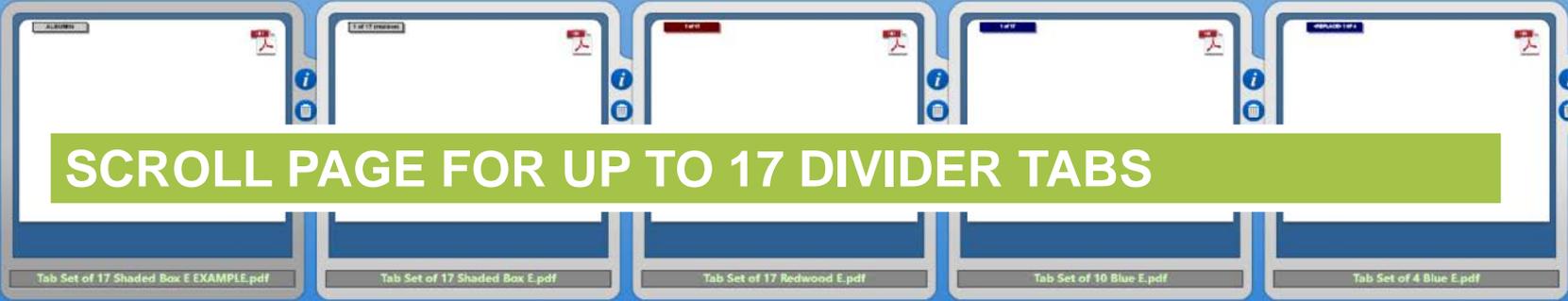
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