

The Process of Surveying:

What You Need to Know for Your CLIA Survey

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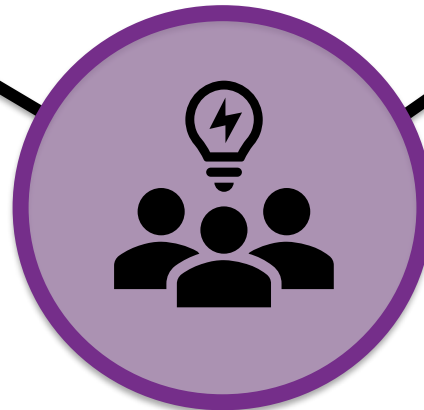
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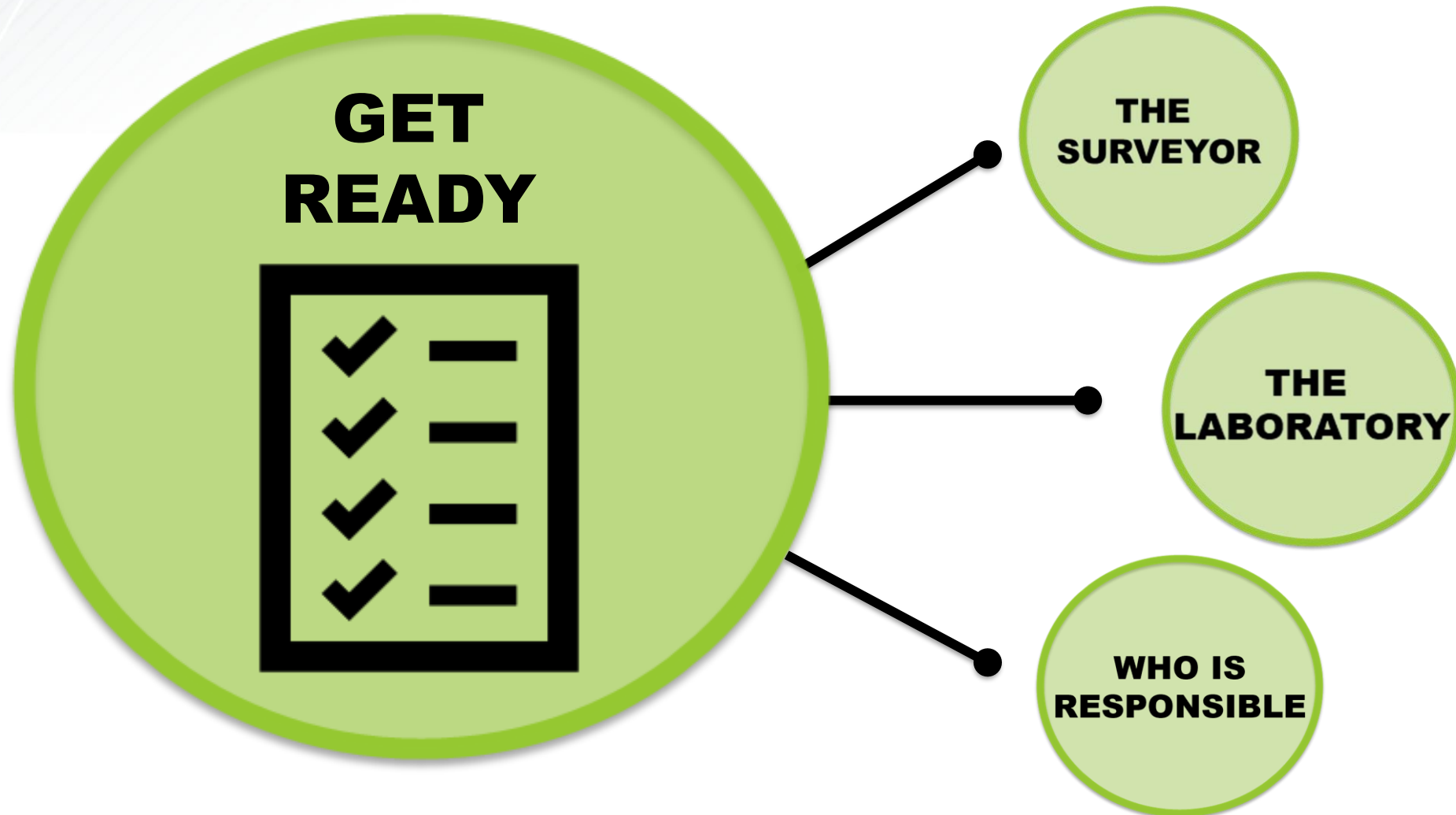


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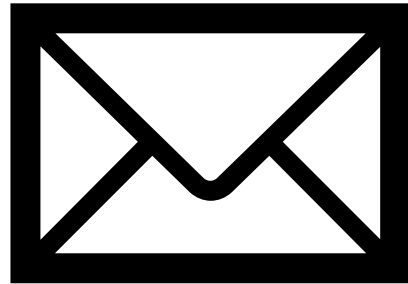
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How Surveyors Prepare

Check Survey Fees Are Paid

Pull Information From Last Survey

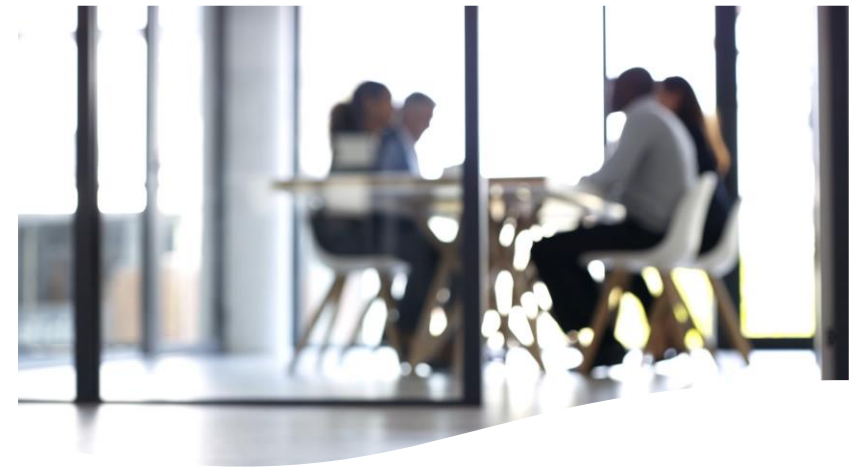
1. How many specialties did the laboratory have?
2. Were there any citations or recommendations?
3. What was the last test volume reported?

Proficiency Testing Report

Open Enforcement Cases

Planning Meeting

Contact Laboratory with Potential Date



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POLL QUESTION #1



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care, therefore, to only cite to the portions of this document that are applicable to the laboratory operations and the complexity of testing performed.

I. Identifying Sources of Information

(Rev. 140, Issued: 05-29-15, Effective: 05-29-15, Implementation: 05-29-15)

A. Scheduling Surveys

There are three activities associated with scheduling surveys:

- The intention to survey which is the in-office formulation of a work plan,
- Announcing the survey, which is notifying the laboratory (when applicable) of the survey date and time, and
- Performing the survey, which is the actual on-site inspection.

For efficiency when scheduling, attempt to cluster surveys geographically to include initials, recertifications, complaints and validations. Extenuating circumstances require RO review. In instances where the State requires a laboratory survey at a different time frame than CLIA, the State must meet both survey scheduling requirements as efficiently as possible. For example, the State requires a survey before the laboratory can operate in that State. The SA can survey the laboratory for compliance with the State requirements, and return in the appropriate time frame to survey for compliance with the CLIA requirements.

1. Initial Surveys: In order to permit observation of actual testing during the initial survey, schedule the initial survey to occur at least 90 days after the data entry of the CMS Form-116, but no later than 12 months after the data entry of the CMS Form-116. For example, the CMS Form-116 data entry date is May 10, 2006. The initial survey should be conducted between August 8, 2006 (90th day after May 10, 2006) and May 9, 2007 (365th day after May 10, 2006.) If after the 90 days, a representative from the laboratory states that laboratory testing is not being performed because equipment is not ready, etc., advise the laboratory that the CLIA number will be terminated until such time testing is being performed. If there is suspicion that the laboratory is being operated in a manner that constitutes a risk to human health, schedule an unannounced survey. An unannounced survey is an option any time there is suspicion of risk to human health.
2. Recertification Surveys: Schedule the recertification survey to occur at least 6 months (180 days) prior to the expiration date of the laboratory's current certificate, but no earlier than 12 months prior to the expiration date of the current certificate. For example, the current certificate expiration date is December 31, 2006. The recertification survey should be conducted between December 31, 2005 and July 3, 2006.

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Establish a date and time for the survey once the schedule has been completed. If a

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CLINICAL LABORATORY IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENTS (CLIA) APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

☐ Initial Application	Anticipated Start Date	CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	
☐ Survey		D	
☐ Change in Certificate Type		(If an initial application leave blank, a number will be assigned)	
☐ Other Changes (Specify)			
Effective Date			
FACILITY NAME		FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS		TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code)	FAX NO. (Include area code)
☐ RECEIVE FUTURE NOTIFICATIONS VIA EMAIL			
FACILITY ADDRESS — Physical Location of Laboratory (Building, Floor, Suite if applicable.) Fee Coupon/Certificate will be mailed to this Address unless mailing or corporate address is specified.		MAILING/BILLING ADDRESS (If different from facility address) send Fee Coupon or certificate	
NUMBER, STREET (No P.O. Boxes)		NUMBER, STREET	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	CITY
SEND FEE COUPON TO THIS ADDRESS		SEND CERTIFICATE TO THIS ADDRESS	
PICK ONE: ☐ Physical ☐ Mailing ☐ Corporate		PICK ONE: ☐ Physical ☐ Mailing ☐ Corporate	
NAME OF DIRECTOR (Last, First, Middle Initial)		Laboratory Director's Phone Number	
CREDENTIALS		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
		Date Received	

II. TYPE OF CERTIFICATE REQUESTED (Check only one) Please refer to the accompanying instructions for inspection and certificate testing requirements)

☐ Certificate of Waiver (Complete Sections I – VI and IX – X)

NOTE: Laboratory directors performing non-waived testing (including PPM) must meet specific education, training and experience under subpart M of the CLIA regulations. Proof of these qualifications for the laboratory director must be submitted with this application.

☐ Certificate for Provider Performed Microscopy Procedures (PPM) (Complete Sections I-VII and IX-X)

☐ Certificate of Compliance (Complete Sections I – X)

☐ Certificate of Accreditation (Complete Sections I – X) and indicate which of the following organization(s) your laboratory is accredited by for CLIA purposes, or for which you have applied for accreditation for CLIA purposes.

☐ The Joint Commission ☐ AAHHS/HFAP ☐ AABB ☐ A2LA

☐ CAP ☐ COLA ☐ ASHI

If you are applying for a Certificate of Accreditation, you must provide evidence of accreditation for your laboratory by an approved accreditation organization as listed above for CLIA purposes or evidence of application for such accreditation within 11 months after receipt of your Certificate of Registration.

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SPECIALTY / SUBSPECIALTY	ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION	ANNUAL TEST VOLUME	SPECIALTY / SUBSPECIALTY	ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION	ANNUAL TEST VOLUME
HISTOCOMPATIBILITY 010			HEMATOLOGY 400		
☐ Transplant			☐ Hematology		
☐ Nontransplant			IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY		
MICROBIOLOGY			☐ ABO Group & Rh Group 510		
☐ Bacteriology 110			☐ Antibody Detection (transfusion) 520		
☐ Mycobacteriology 115			☐ Antibody Detection (nontransfusion) 530		
☐ Mycology 120			☐ Antibody Identification 540		
☐ Parasitology 130			☐ Compatibility Testing 550		
☐ Virology 140			PATHOLOGY		
DIAGNOSTIC IMMUNOLOGY			☐ Histopathology 610		
☐ Syphilis Serology 210			☐ Oral Pathology 620		
☐ General Immunology 220			☐ Cytology 630		
CHEMISTRY			RADIOBIOASSAY 800		
☐ Routine 310			☐ Radiobioassay		
☐ Urinalysis 320			CLINICAL CYTOGENETICS 900		
☐ Endocrinology 330			☐ Clinical Cytogenetics		
☐ Toxicology 340			TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL TEST VOLUME:		

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FORM CMS-209 (09/2018)

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TEST DIRECTORY

Test Performed	New Test since last survey? Yes or No	Annual Test Volume	Instrument /Kit	Comments
Chikungunya IgM	No	0	Dynex Agility/InBios CHIKjj Detect IgM ELISA	Test Discontinued, CDC Sendouts
Chlamydia/Gonorrhea by DNA Probe	No	105,589	Hologic Panther/Aptima Combo 2	
Dengue IgM	No	0	Dynex Agility/InBios DENV Detect IgM	Test Discontinued, CDC Sendouts
Hepatitis A IgG	Yes	1	CMIA, Abbott, Architect i1000SR	
Hepatitis A IgM	Yes	0	CMIA, Abbott, Architect i1000SR	
Hepatitis B Core Antibody (IgM)	No	262	Abbott Architect i1000SR/ Architect CORE-M	
Hepatitis B Core Antibody (Total)	No	235	Abbott Architect i1000SR/ Architect CORE	
Hepatitis B Surface Antibody	No	317	Abbott Architect i1000SR/ Architect AUSAB	
Hepatitis B Surface Antigen	No	286	Abbott Architect i1000SR/ Architect HBsAg Qualitative	
Hepatitis C EIA	No	34,892	CMIS, Abbott Architect i1000SR/ Architect Anti-HCV	
Hepatitis C RNA (Qual)	Yes	4027	Hologic Panther/ Aptima HCV	

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SOPs

- Test Procedures
- Package Inserts

Personnel Records

- Degrees
- Transcripts
- Training
- Competency Assessments

Quality Control Records

- Remedial Action
- Instrument Maintenance
- Function Checks

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Quality System Assessment Plan

- Policies and Procedures
- Documentation of Ongoing Assessments

Patient Records

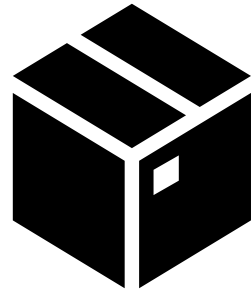
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- Work Records
- Patient Test Reports

Proficiency Testing Records

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- Printouts
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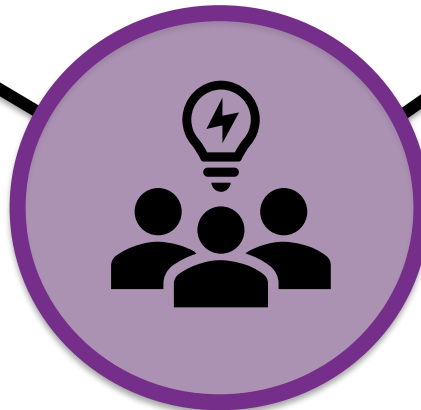
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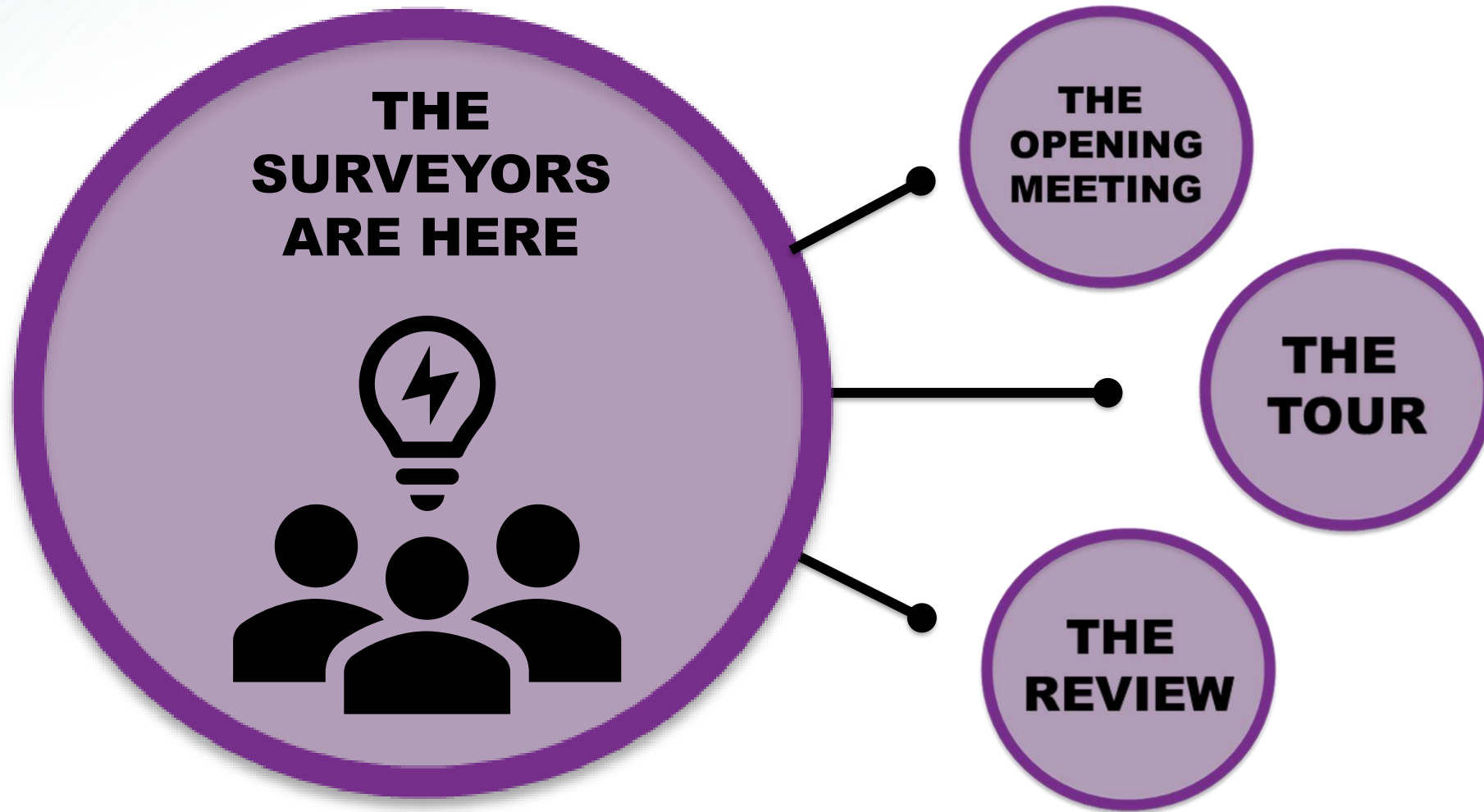


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THE OPENING MEETING

POLL QUESTION #2



THE OPENING MEETING

Invite Laboratory Staff

Technical Consultant/Technical Supervisor
General Supervisor
Quality Manager

Prepare To Give Updates

Any Facility Changes Since Last Survey
Added Specialties/New Test
Personnel Promoted (ex. TP to TC or TS)

Allow Surveyors To Discuss Survey Flow

Length
Tour
Record Review/Interviews

THE TOUR

Facility Tour/Surveyor Section Tour



THE REVIEW

What Do Surveyors Want To See?

Records Generated Since the Last Survey
Provide Requested Records in a Timely Manner

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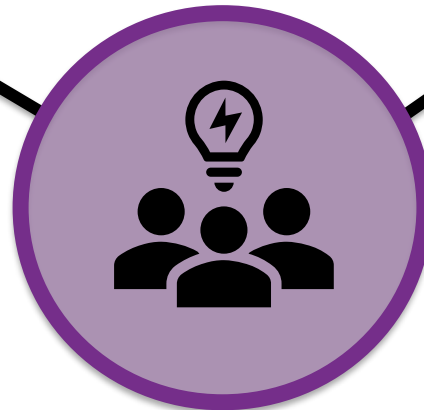
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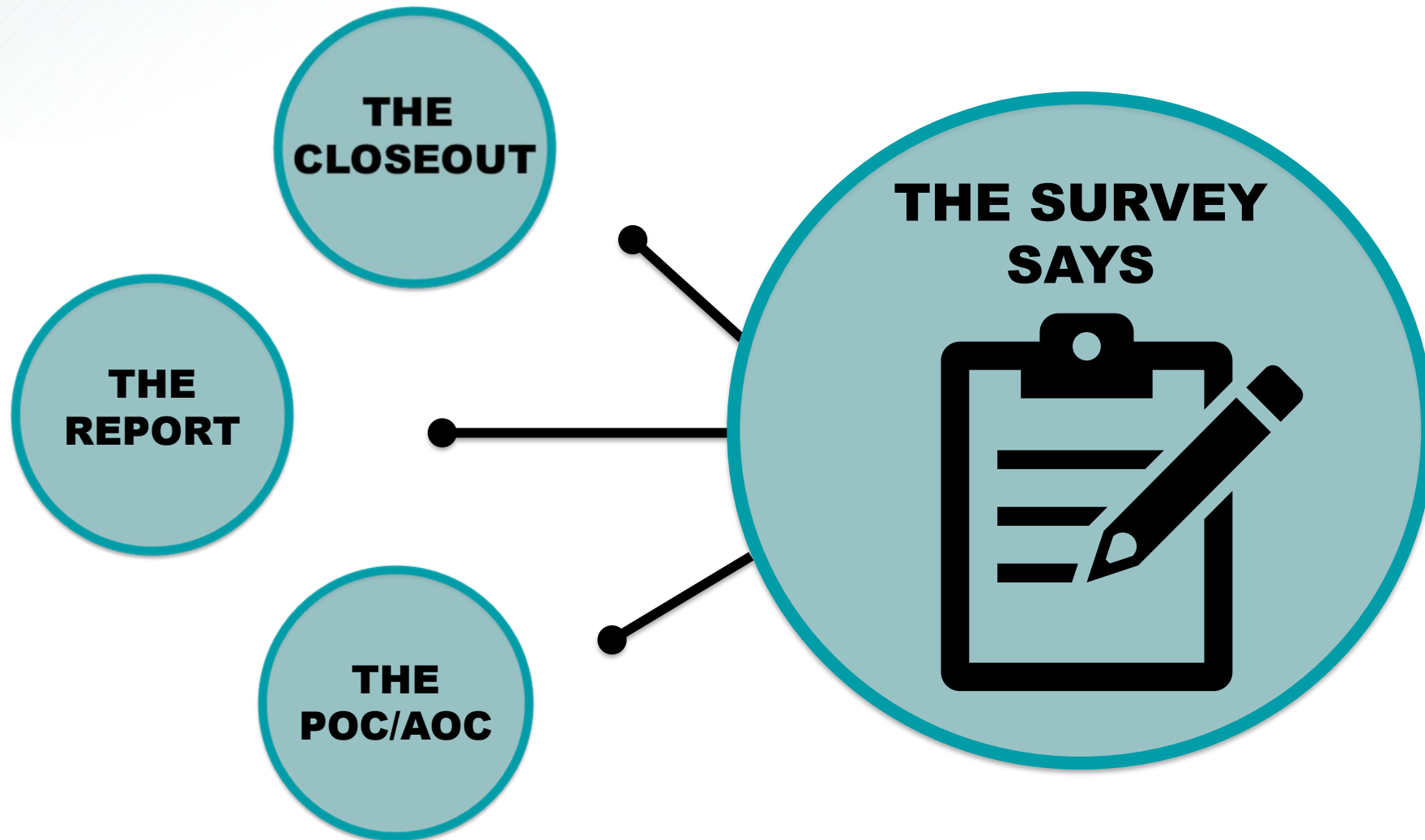
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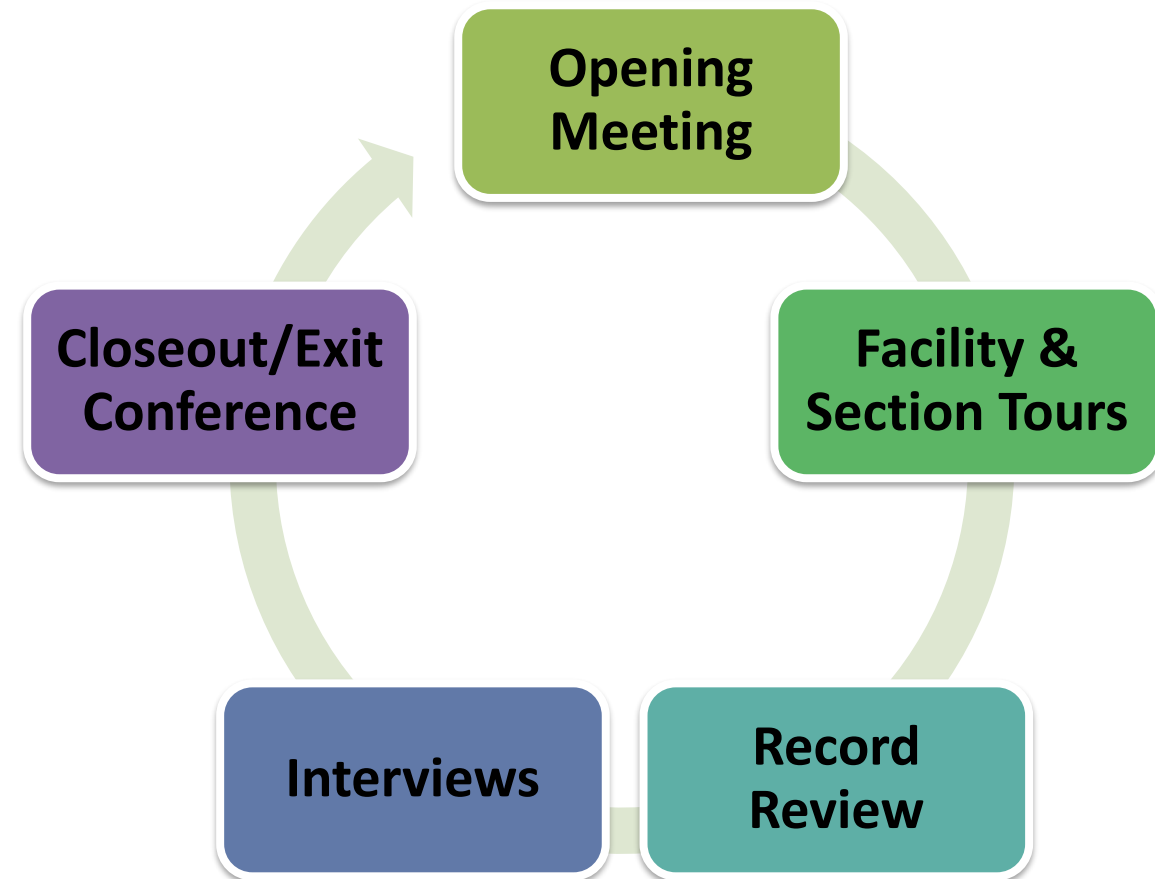


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Invite the Laboratory Staff
Overview of the Survey
Ask Questions



THE REPORT

Decision Algorithm for Laboratory Citations

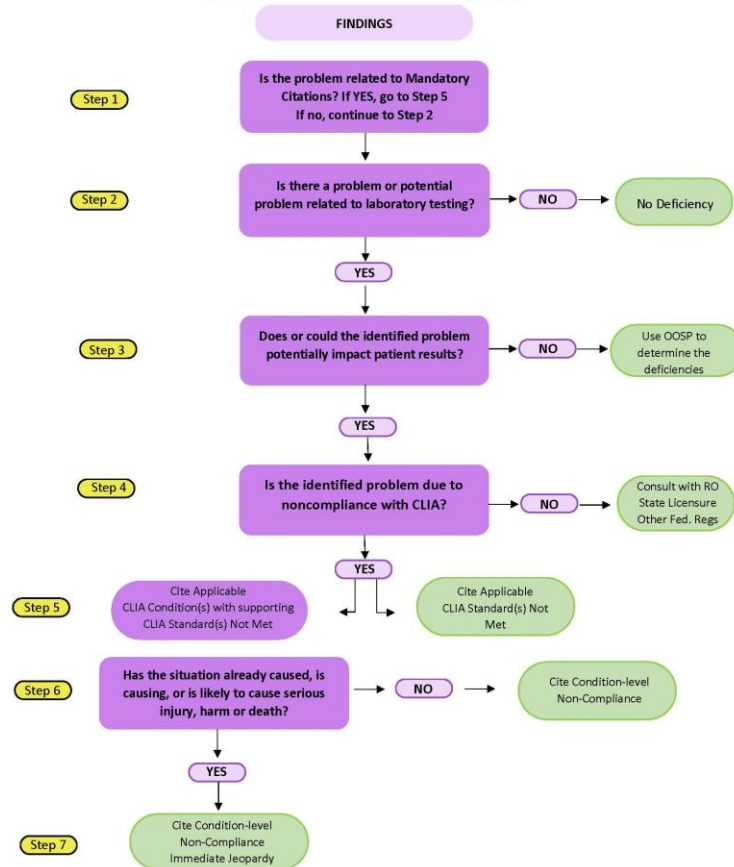


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MANDATORY CITATIONS

IF YOU FIND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH. . .		YOU MUST AT LEAST CITE THE <u>STANDARD</u> AT D-TAG. . .	YOU MUST AT LEAST CITE THE <u>CONDITION</u> AT D-TAG. . .
Non-enrollment in Proficiency Testing 42 CFR § 493.801			D2000
Proficiency Testing Referral 42 CFR § 493.801(b)(4)		D2013	D2000
Unsuccessful Participation in Proficiency Testing 42 CFR § 493.803		D2028, D2037, D2046, D2055, D2064, D2074, D2084, D2085, D2096, D2097, D2107, D2108, D2118, D2119, D2130, D2131, D2162, D2163, D2172, D2181, D2190, OR D2191	D2016
Personnel Qualifications - Support M	Laboratory Director PPMP	D5981	D5980
	Testing Personnel PPMP	D5991	D5990
	Laboratory Director Moderate Complexity Testing	D6003	D6000
	Technical Consultant Moderate Complexity Testing	D6035	D6033
	Clinical Consultant Moderate Complexity Testing	D6057	D6056
	Testing Personnel Moderate Complexity Testing	D6065	D6063
	Laboratory Director High Complexity Testing	D6078	D6076
	Technical Supervisor High Complexity Testing	D6111	D6108
	Clinical Consultant High Complexity Testing	D6135	D6134
	General Supervisor High Complexity Testing	D6143	D6141
	Cytology General Supervisor	D6155	D6153
	Cytotechnologist	D6164	D6162
	Testing Personnel High Complexity Testing	D6171	D6168

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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER THERANOS INC		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 7333 GATEWAY BLVD NEWARK, GA 30460		
(46) ID PREFIX TAG D2094	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	ID PREFIX TAG D2094	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS-REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY)	(48) COMPLETION DATE 2/12/16
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LABORATORY DIRECTOR OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE Kingshuk Das Digitally signed by Kingshuk Das Date: 2016.02.12 13:16:55 -0500		TITLE Lab Director		(49) DATE 2/12/16
Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.				
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PLAN OF CORRECTION (PoC) ALLEGATION OF COMPLIANCE (AoC)

1. Documentation describing the corrective actions that have been taken for patients that were identified by the survey and subsequent analysis as having been affected by the deficient practice(s);
2. An explanation as to how the laboratory has identified other patients who may have been affected by the deficient practice(s);
3. A description of the correction(s) that have been put into place and/or the systemic changes that have been made to ensure that the deficient practice does not recur; and
4. How the corrective actions are being monitored to ensure the deficient practice does not recur.

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Kingshuk Das
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TITLE
Lab Director

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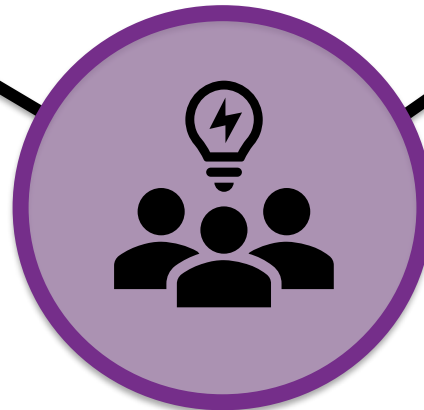
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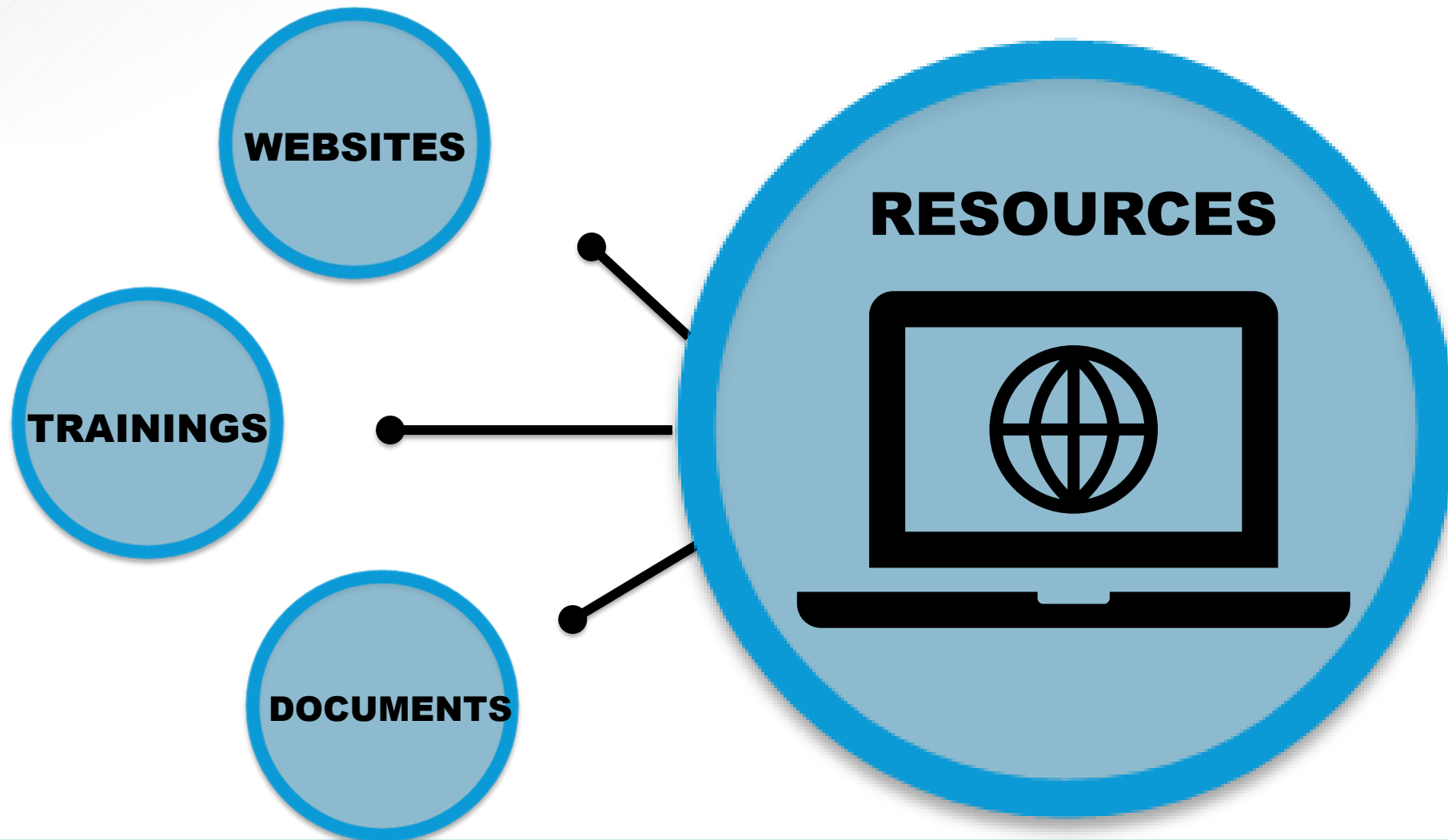
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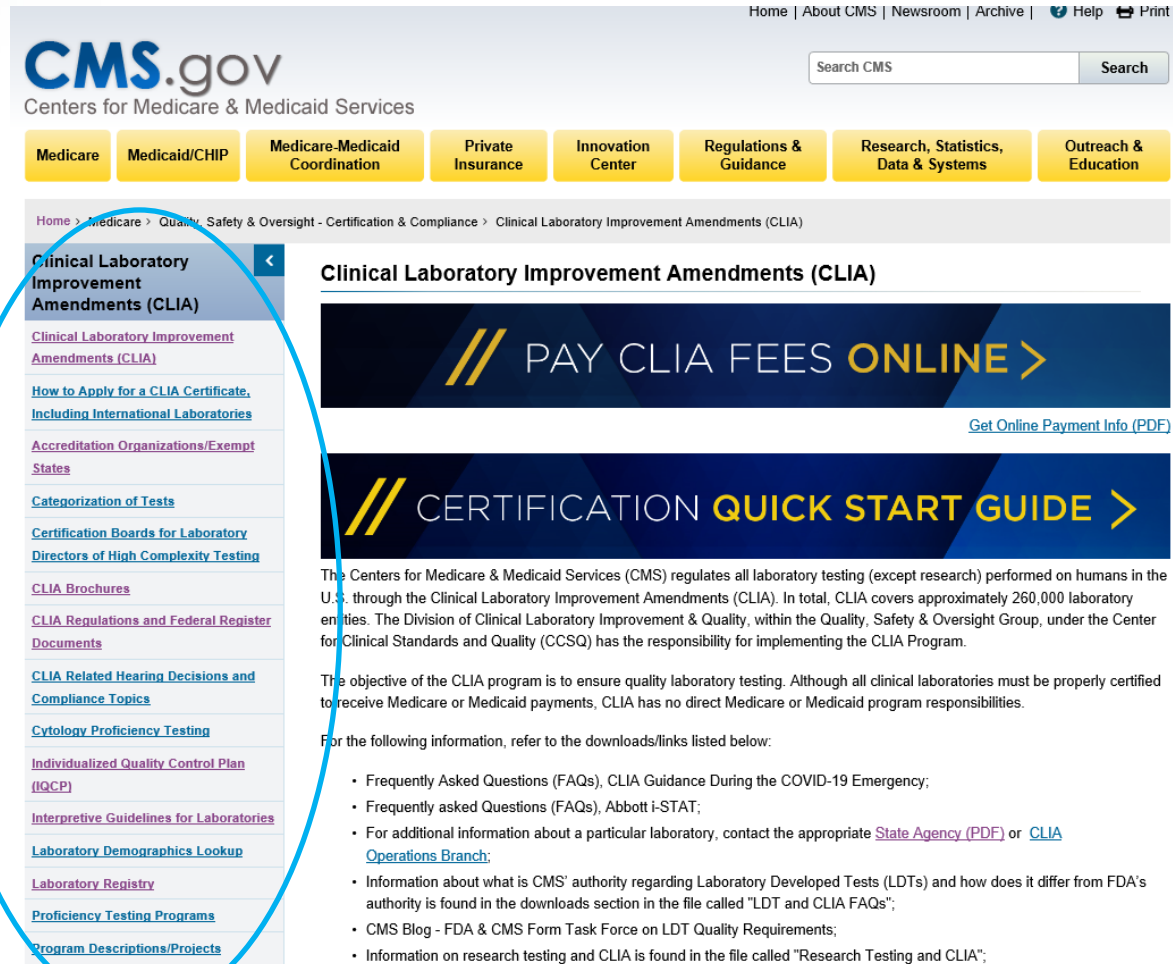
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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regulates all laboratory testing (except research) performed on humans in the U.S. through the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA). In total, CLIA covers approximately 260,000 laboratory entities. The Division of Clinical Laboratory Improvement & Quality, within the Quality, Safety & Oversight Group, under the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) has the responsibility for implementing the CLIA Program.

The objective of the CLIA program is to ensure quality laboratory testing. Although all clinical laboratories must be properly certified to receive Medicare or Medicaid payments, CLIA has no direct Medicare or Medicaid program responsibilities.

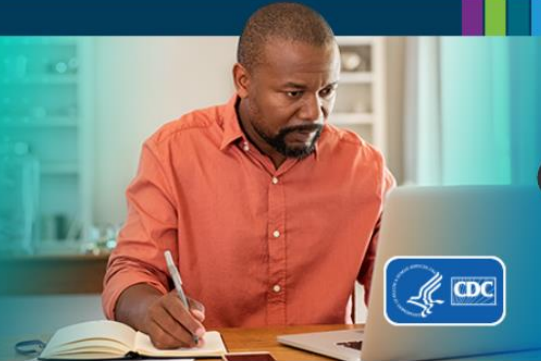
For the following information, refer to the downloads/links listed below:

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), CLIA Guidance During the COVID-19 Emergency;
- Frequently asked Questions (FAQs), Abbott i-STAT;
- For additional information about a particular laboratory, contact the appropriate [State Agency \(PDF\)](#) or [CLIA Operations Branch](#);
- Information about what is CMS' authority regarding Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs) and how does it differ from FDA's authority is found in the downloads section in the file called "LDT and CLIA FAQs";
- CMS Blog - FDA & CMS Form Task Force on LDT Quality Requirements;
- Information on research testing and CLIA is found in the file called "Research Testing and CLIA";

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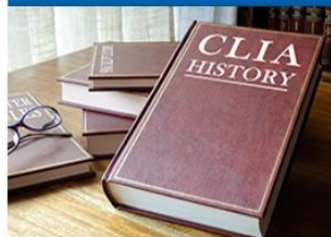
The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) regulations include federal standards applicable to all U.S. facilities or sites that test human specimens for health assessment or to diagnose, prevent, or treat disease. CDC, in partnership with [CMS](#) and [FDA](#), supports the CLIA program and clinical laboratory quality. [Learn more about CLIA.](#)

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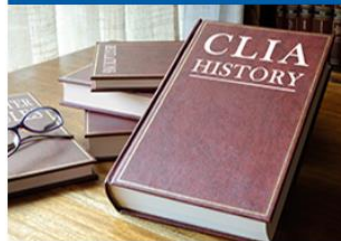
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Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIA)

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Find links for answers to frequently asked questions on the CLIA Quick Tips [page](#) or [email CMS directly](#).

Find the Laboratory Quality Portal

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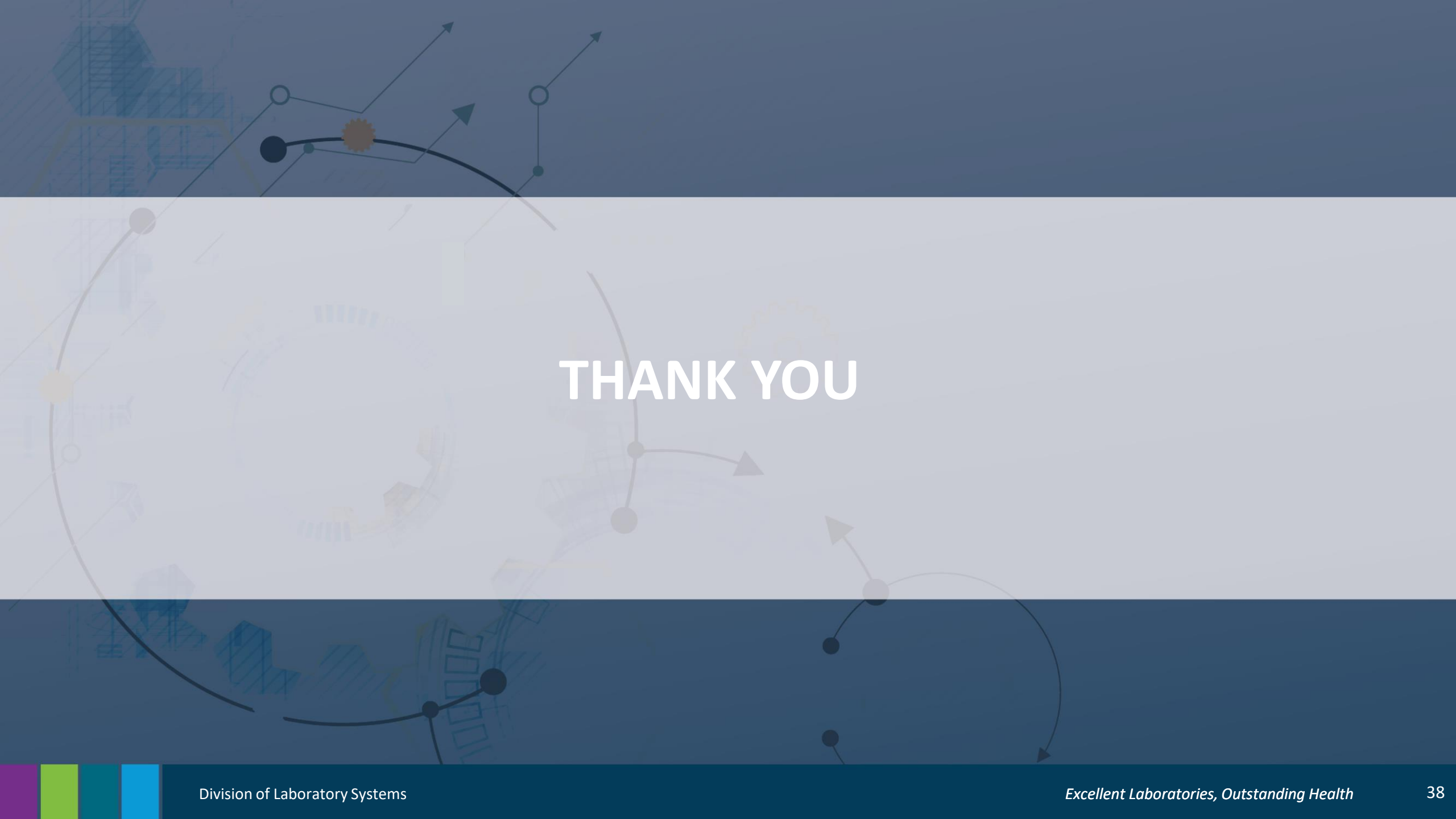
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