



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO ISO/IEC 17043:2010

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PROFICIENCY TESTING PROVIDER

Valid To: June 30, 2026

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In recognition of the successful completion of the A2LA evaluation process, this proficiency testing provider has been found to meet the ISO/IEC 17043:2010, "Conformity Assessment-General Requirements for Proficiency testing". Accreditation is granted to this provider to provide proficiency testing samples in the following programs:

Discipline	PT Program code	PT Program Name	Types of PT Material	Frequency Per Year
Microbiology	BACT ^{2,6}	Routine Bacteriology	Lyophilized and "fresh" simulated material (varies from survey to survey)	3
	BACT CD ^{2,6}	C. difficile Antigen and/or Toxin Detection	Lyophilized fecal specimens derived from authentic clinical samples suitable for all currently available methods including molecular.	2
	BACT AF ^{2,6}	Smears for Acid Fast Stain	Smears of decontaminated, homogenized, concentrated sputum prepared from authentic clinical samples.	2
	PARA ^{1,6}	Parasitology	SAF-preserved feces from authentic clinical samples	2
	MYCO ^{2,5,6}	Mycology	Fresh cultures on agar slants	2
Virology	VIRO HEP ^{1,6}	Hepatitis A, B, C	Human serum or plasma	2
	VIRO HIV ^{1,6}	Anti -HIV	Human serum or plasma	2
	VIRO RV ^{1,6}	Rubella Serology	Human serum or plasma	2
	VIRO RP ^{1,6}	Respiratory Pathogens	Liquid suspension of infected cells mixed with non-infected cells and extracellular virus.	2
	VIRO IM ^{1,6}	Infectious Mononucleosis	Human serum or plasma	2

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	VIRO COV ^{1,6}	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)	Fibroblast cells and with/without Whole SARS-CoV-2 cDNA genome.	3
Molecular Microbiology	MOLE – CGC ^{2,6}	C. trachomatis/N. gonorrhoeae (CGC)	Liquid samples of C. trachomatis and N. gonorrhoeae	2
Chemistry	CHEM ^{1,4}	Chemistry	Lyophilized human serum reconstituted with 5 mL diluent (provided)	3
	CHEM UR ^{1,7}	Chemistry Urine	Lyophilized human urine reconstituted with 10 mL deionized water	3
	CHEM BG ¹	Blood Gases	Aqueous commercial preparation	2
	CHEM HB ⁴	HbA1c	Single donor whole blood	3
	CHEM-OX ¹	Oximetry	Hemolysate of purified bovine hemoglobin	2
	DRUG ¹	Drug Monitoring	Pooled human serum supplemented with selected drugs	2
	DRUG UR ^{1,7}	Urine Drug Screen	Human urine supplemented with selected drugs	2
	CHEM-UCG ⁶	Chemistry Urine Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (hCG) Qualitative	Human urine (simulated)	3
	ENDO – A ¹	Endocrinology and Tumor Markers	Lyophilized human serum	3
	ENDO - B ¹	Endocrinology Special	Lyophilized human serum	3
	ENDO PSA ¹	Endocrinology - Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	Lyophilized human serum	3
	ENDO PTH	Parathyroid Hormone	Lyophilized human serum	3
	IMGY ^{1,2}	Immunology	Converted human serum	3
	CHEM FOB ¹	Fecal Occult Blood	Simulated fecal product	3
	CHEM FIT ²	Fecal Occult Blood — Fecal Immunochemical Test	Lyophilized human protein-based material	12

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Cytogenetics	GENE ^{1,3,6}	Cytogenetics	Clinical sample may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole blood • Fixed cell pellet • Cell culture • Bone marrow • Slides Digital images (may include G-banded and/or FISH stained preparations)	2
Hematology	FLOW HV ^{1,3}	Flow Cytometry – Lymphocyte Phenotyping for HIV	Commercially-prepared stabilized whole blood control material	2
	FLOW SC ^{1,3}	Flow Cytometry - CD34+ Stem Cell Enumeration	Commercially-prepared stabilized whole blood control material	2
	FLOW HD ^{1,3}	Flow Cytometry-Leukocyte Immunophenotyping for Hematologic Disorders	Part 1 Commercially-prepared stabilized whole blood control material Part 2 Digital flow cytometry data files — provided with clinical information	2
	HEMA LD ¹	Automated Blood Cell Count and Leukocyte Differential	Commercially-prepared material composed of human erythrocytes, leukocytes (simulated or mammalian) and mammalian platelets suspended in a plasma-like fluid with preservatives. Provided in tubes with pierceable caps unless	2
	HEMA RE ¹	Reticulocyte Count	Commercially-prepared material composed of human and mammalian erythrocytes, suspended in a plasma-like fluid with preservatives. Provided in tubes with pierceable caps unless otherwise noted.	2
	HEMA BF ¹	Manual Body Fluid Cell Count	Control material composed of mammalian erythrocytes and leukocytes suspended in a plasma-like fluid with preservatives.	2

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	HEMA ABF ¹	Automated Body Fluid Cell Count	Commercially-prepared material composed of human erythrocytes and bovine leukocytes suspended in a fluid with preservatives.	2
	COAG ^{1,3}	Routine Coagulation	Commercially-prepared lyophilized plasma spiked with selected analytes based on the assay selected.	2
	COAG DD ^{1,3}	D-dimer Assay	Commercially-prepared lyophilized plasma which may be spiked with purified D-dimer.	2
	COAG FA ^{1,3}	Factor Assay	Commercially-prepared lyophilized immune-depleted plasma.	2
	COAG TH ^{1,3}	Thrombophilia Investigation	Commercially-prepared frozen immune depleted plasma.	2
	RCD HQ ^{1,3}	Red Cell Disorders - Hemoglobin Fraction Quantitation	Commercially-stabilized whole blood products or lyophilized whole blood	2
	RCD HS ^{1,3}	Sickle Cell Solubility Screen	Commercially-prepared survey material comprised of whole blood control samples	2
	MORP-VSB ^{1,2,3,6}	Peripheral Blood Film Virtual Slide-based	Digital scanned image(s) of a Romanowsky-stained peripheral blood film.	3
	BONE-SB ^{1,2,3,6}	Bone Marrow Slide-Based	Stained bone marrow slide preparations (aspirate and/or biopsy) and peripheral blood film, may include digital images.	2
POCT	POCT GL ¹	Point of Care Testing- Glucose	Stabilized bovine plasma	2
	POCT HIV ^{1,6}	Point of Care-HIV	Human serum	2
Cytopathology	CYTO- NG ^{2,3,6}	Cytopathology – Non-Gynecological	Papanicolaou-stained direct smears or liquid-based preparations.	1
	CYTO - G ^{2,3,6}	Cytopathology - Gynecological	Papanicolaou-stained direct smears or liquid-based preparations.	1

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Pathology	PATH IHC ^{2,3,6}	Immuno-histochemistry	Pre-cut unstained tissue section(s) and/or cell block(s) on positively-charged glass slides. Site submitted test material will be requested for some IHC surveys.	2
	PATH SS ^{2,3,6}	Routine Oversight Stain (H&E or HPS) and/or Special Stains	Pre-cut unstained tissue section(s) and/or cell block(s) on positively-charged glass slides. Site submitted test material will be requested for some IHC surveys.	2
	PATH ER ^{2,3,6}	Estrogen Receptor	Pre-cut testing section(s) and/or cell blocks on positively-charged glass slides Tissue section and/or cell block	1
	PATH PR ^{2,3,6}	Progesterone Receptor	Pre-cut testing section(s) and/or cell blocks on positively-charged glass slides Tissue section and/or cell block	1
	PATH HER2 ^{2,3,6}	HER2/neu Immunohistochemistry	Pre-cut testing sections(s) and/or cell blocks on positively-charged glass slides Tissue section and/or cell block	1
	PATH-FISH ED ^{2,3,6}	Immuno-histochemistry-ISH (Predictive Markers)	Pre-cut testing sections(s) and/or cell blocks on positively-charged glass slides Tissue section and/or cell block	2
	PATH – SM (2,3,6)	Site Material – Special Stains	Site submitted test material	1
Transfusion Medicine	TMED AAU ^{1,6}	Transfusion Medicine - Manual and/or Automated	Human serum; red cells suspended in preservative	3
	HEMA FMH ^{1,6}	Fetal - Maternal Hemorrhage	Commercially-prepared survey material comprised of whole blood control samples.	2

¹ Assigned values and associated uncertainties are determined by consensus values from participants

² Assigned values and associated uncertainties are determined by consensus values from expert participants/laboratories.

³ Assigned values and associated uncertainties are known values.

⁴ Assigned values and associated uncertainties are reference values.

⁵ Assigned values and associated uncertainties are certified reference values.

⁶ Qualitative test and/or uncertainties do not apply.

⁷ Assigned values and associated uncertainties are obtained from formulation and validated by consensus values from participants.



Accredited Proficiency Testing Provider

A2LA has accredited

INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN HEALTHCARE (IQMH) *Toronto, Ontario, CANADA*

This accreditation covers the specific proficiency testing schemes listed on the agreed upon Scope of Accreditation.

This provider is accredited in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17043: 2010 *Conformity assessment - General requirements for proficiency testing*. This accreditation demonstrates technical competence for a defined scope and the operation of a quality management system.



Presented this 23rd day of June 2022.

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Vice President, Accreditation Services
For the Accreditation Council
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For the proficiency testing schemes to which this accreditation applies, please refer to the provider's Scope of Accreditation.