(A) Policy Statement

The Clinical Laboratories have a system to assure the accuracy and reliability of testing not covered by formal proficiency testing survey.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To assess the validity of testing when no external proficiency testing program is available.

(C) Procedure

1. Every attempt will be made to locate a formal and approved proficiency testing system for each test performed in the laboratories.

2. If no formal proficiency survey is available, contact either a reference lab (e.g., LabCorp, Mayo, etc.) or other area hospital lab to set up an exchange program. A positive correlation of results is mandatory on a semi-annual basis for testing to continue.

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