


Name of Policy: Selection of Reference Laboratories Policy Number: 3364-107-312 Approving Officer: Medical Director, Clinical Pathology Responsible Agent: Director, Clinical Pathology Administrative Director, Lab Scope: Pathology Laboratory University of Toledo Medical Center		 Effective date: 01/04/2025 Original effective date: 03/31/2005	
Key words: Esoteric tests, CLIA certification, quality, testing performed, quality data.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	New policy proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor/technical revision of existing policy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Major revision of existing policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy statement

Esoteric testing and tests not performed at University of Toledo Medical Center are sent to carefully chosen reference laboratories.

(B) Purpose of policy

To provide quality results for testing not performed at University of Toledo Medical Center Laboratories.

(C) Procedure

1. All laboratories chosen as reference laboratories are CLIA certified. CLIA certificates of reference laboratories are kept on file in the specimen processing area.
2. The laboratory director, in consultation with medical staff or physician clients, (where or when appropriate), is responsible for selecting reference laboratories.
3. Reference laboratories are chosen based on the quality of testing performed.
4. The laboratory director or designee monitors the quality of test results received from these reference laboratories.
5. Monthly quality data from ARUP, UTMC's largest reference lab, is incorporated into the laboratory's overall quality plan.

<p>Approved by:</p> <p>/s/</p> <hr/> <p>Name: Amira Gohara, M.D. Title: Medical Director, Clinical Pathology</p> <p>1/10/2025</p> <hr/> <p>Date</p> <p><i>Review/Revision Completed by:</i></p> <p><i>Joshua Otiso, Administrative Director, Lab</i></p>	<p>Policies Superseded by This Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Q-12</i> <p>Initial effective date: 03/31/2005</p> <p>Review/Revision Date: 01/04/2025</p> <p>Next review date: 01/04/2027</p>
--	---