

# Proficiency Testing Investigation Response Form

## LABORATORY AND PT INFORMATION

Laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Proactive response  Response to DAP request  
*Investigation response due within eight weeks of PT results receipt.*

PT provider: \_\_\_\_\_ PT program: \_\_\_\_\_ Sample ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Results deadline date: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of PT provider's final evaluation report. Attach page(s) showing outlier (required).

Analyte/test: \_\_\_\_\_  Multiple analytes flagged due to common cause  
*(submit only one investigation form)*

## PT EXCEPTION INVESTIGATION

QC results at time of PT challenge:  Acceptable  Not acceptable

Comments:

Previous PT/QC trends or unacceptable results for this test?  Yes  No

If yes, indicate investigation/corrective action:

Was sample retested?

Yes – Result: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the result of the retested sample acceptable?  Yes  No

No – Sample unsuitable for repeat analysis

No – Explain why retesting was not performed: \_\_\_\_\_

Were patient results affected?  Yes  No

If yes, indicate investigation/corrective action:

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Classification of problem:

- Method                       Equipment                       Technical  
 Problem with material       Clerical                       Problem with evaluation of results  
 No explanation after complete investigation (all means of explaining the discrepancy have been exhausted and all possible explanations have been considered)

Details:

Identification of root cause/contributing factors, if known:

Corrective action/system change(s) to prevent recurrence:

Comments/conclusions:

*Submit separate files if additional space is required to describe the investigation.***SIGN-OFF**

**The DAP holds the laboratory director responsible for defining and monitoring standards of performance and ensuring the quality of results. The laboratory director must be advised of all proficiency test result deficiencies.**

**Laboratory supervisor or designate**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Laboratory medical director**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature *(required only when a response is requested from the DAP)*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**Please return the completed form by email at [ptqc@cpsbc.ca](mailto:ptqc@cpsbc.ca).**

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