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Standards

The Accreditation Standards 2015 – Laboratory Medicine document has been reviewed and accredited by the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua).

- [Accreditation Standards 2015 – Laboratory Medicine \[2\]](#) (effective February 1, 2017)
 - [Accreditation Standards 2015 – Laboratory Medicine Revision Record \[3\]](#)
 - [Guide to Fulfillment of Laboratory Results Comparability Requirements \[4\]](#)
 - [Guide to Fulfillment of Measurement Uncertainty \[5\]](#)
 - [Guide to Fulfillment of Metrological Traceability Requirements \[6\]](#)
 - [Guide to the Fulfillment of Validation and Verification of Examination Requirements \[7\]](#)
 - [Guide to Quality Management Systems and Quality Manual \[8\]](#)
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Proficiency

Medical laboratories in the province are required to participate in proficiency testing (PT) programs and alternative assessment procedures that reflect their range of accredited services. The DAP maintains its own records of laboratory PT performance, including the outcomes of investigations and subsequent corrective actions. PT performance history will be a factor considered when determining the overall accreditation award. Medical laboratories are required to investigate and comment on unacceptable performance in writing to the DAP within a designated time-frame. Corrective actions that are initiated by the laboratory require

monitoring to ensure they are effective.

What is proficiency testing?

Forms and resources

For new laboratory medicine facilities

All new facilities and services within an already accredited facility must proceed through the initial [assessment process](#) [18] prior to service delivery or patient testing.

- [Accreditation Standards 2015 for Initial Assessment – Laboratory Medicine](#) [19]
- [Facility Information for Initial Assessment Form – Laboratory Medicine](#) [20]
- [Accreditation Agreement](#) [21]
- [Notification of Significant Change in Service Form – Laboratory Medicine](#) [22]. [23](for facilities/services that are accredited but are undergoing significant changes in service)

For relocating laboratory medicine facilities

All facilities relocating to a new address or within their existing building (e.g. facility is rebuilt on the same site) must proceed through the relocation [assessment process](#) [18] prior to service delivery or patient testing. Please note that the DAP is currently in the process of developing relocation accreditation standards.

- [Notification of Significant Change in Service Form – Laboratory Medicine](#) [22]

Other resources

- [Accessing Facility-specific Content through Web Account](#) [24]
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