

Compliance with CAP Checklist Questions Addressing Laboratory Patient Safety Goals

Checklist Question Number	Text	Patient Safety Goal				How do you comply? (Indicate document, procedure, policy, quality indicator, etc.)	What are you doing to improve?
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GEN.40490	Does the specimen collector positively identify the patient before collecting a specimen?	X					
GEN.40491	Are specimens uniquely identified to minimize sample mix-ups, mislabeling, etc.?	X					
GEN.48500	Is there a documented system in operation to periodically verify that patient results are accurately transmitted from the point of data entry (interfaced instruments and manual input) to all types of patient reports (both paper and video display)?	X			X		
GEN.41340	Does the laboratory have a policy with respect to verification "read-back" of critical results that are communicated verbally or by phone?		X				
GEN.40935	Does the laboratory have a policy that personnel receiving verbal or phone orders must read back the entire order to verify accuracy of transcription?		X		X		
GEN.41316	Is there a policy regarding the timely communication, and documentation thereof, of new diagnoses of human immunodeficiency virus infection, and other infectious diseases of particular significance?		X				
ANP.12175	Is there a policy regarding the timely communication, and documentation thereof, of significant or unexpected surgical pathology findings?		X		X		
GEN.41320	Does the laboratory have procedures for immediate notification of a physician (or other clinical personnel responsible for patient care) when results of certain tests		X		X		

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	fall within established "alert" or "critical" ranges?						
GEN. 20262	Does the laboratory review and assess its records of errors and incident reports at defined intervals to identify trends and initiate corrective/preventive actions as appropriate?			X			
GEN.15354	Does an individual qualified as a laboratory director coordinate the QM program with others in the facility (medical, surgical, nursing services, etc.)?				X		
GEN.61750	Has the laboratory implemented a procedure for effective "hand-off" communication?				X		
ANP.21150	Are slides identified adequately?	X					
HEM.23120	Is there documentation of prompt notification of the physician (or other clinical personnel responsible for patient care) of results of all critical values?		X				
GEN.20365	Does the laboratory address the current CAP Laboratory Patient Safety Goals?	X	X	X	X		