

UW Medicine - Pathology

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Reference Laboratory Qualifications Policy

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PURPOSE

To ensure that the responsibility and criteria for choosing a reference laboratory are being met by the Laboratory Director.

POLICY

The department has a documented process, monitored and driven by the Laboratory Director, in choosing reference laboratories. The laboratory director (and/or designee) is responsible for:

- Ensuring the quality of performance by the reference laboratory.
- Making the final decision on choosing the reference laboratory.
- For disciplines covered by CLIA, verifying that the laboratory is CLIA certified or meets the equivalent requirements as determined by CMS.
- For disciplines not covered by CLIA, the laboratory is subject to US regulations and must be accredited by CAP or a CAP accepted organization.
- Ensuring that the turn around time meets the clinical needs of the department's customers.
- Monitoring the quality of the test results received from the reference laboratory.

REFERENCE:

Reference Lab Sendout Test_UWMC_HMC spreadsheet

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