

§493.1413 Standard; Technical consultant responsibilities

(a) The technical consultant must be accessible to the laboratory to provide on-site, telephone, or electronic consultation; and

Interpretive Guidelines §493.1413(a)

Since the testing personnel usually will not have experience and training in all specialties, technical consultation is essential in identifying training needs and ensuring that each individual performing testing receives regular in-service training and education. There should be documentation, such as a log book or training/discussion reports, to indicate the services provided or activities performed by the technical consultant. These activities should correlate with the responsibilities delegated to the technical consultant by the laboratory director. The technical consultant is responsible for evaluating the capabilities of the technical personnel and advising the director on proper test performance in the specialty.

