

## **D3013**

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### **§493.1101 Standard: Facilities**

**(e) Records and, as applicable, slides, blocks, and tissues must be maintained and stored under conditions that ensure proper preservation.**

#### **Interpretive Guidelines §493.1101(e)**

The laboratory must arrange a secure area for storage of records and, as applicable, slides, blocks, and tissues that will provide conditions that ensure proper preservation of specimens and records.

Paraffin blocks must be stored in a cool dry environment. Exposure to excessive heat may cause blocks to melt.

#### **Probes §493.1101(e)**

For Cytology and Histology, how does the laboratory ensure that the slides have completely dried prior to being stored?