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§493.1242 Standard: Specimen submission, handling, and referral

(d) If the laboratory accepts a referral specimen, written instructions must be available to the laboratory's clients and must include, as appropriate, the information specified in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(7) of this section.

Interpretive Guidelines §493.1242(d)

Ensure the laboratory has provided written instructions to each client that sends specimens/test requests. The instructions may contain information on specimen handling (e.g., collection, preservation, storage, transport, testing schedule times and how to obtain additional assistance for unusual circumstances).