

§493.1461 Standard; General supervisor qualifications

The laboratory must have one or more general supervisors who, under the direction of the laboratory director and supervision of the technical supervisor, provides day-to-day supervision of testing personnel and reporting of test results. In the absence of the director and technical supervisor, the general supervisor must be responsible for the proper performance of all laboratory procedures and reporting of test results.

Interpretive Guidelines §493.1461

The type of experience required under this regulation is **clinical** in nature. This means examination and test performance on human specimens for purposes of obtaining information for the diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring of patients, or for providing information to others who will do the diagnosing and treating of the patient's condition.

Teaching experience directly related to a medical technology program, clinical laboratory sciences program, or a clinical laboratory section of a residency program is considered acceptable experience. Research experience is also acceptable experience if it is obtained while performing tests on human specimens. A year of laboratory training and experience is equivalent to 2080 hours and could extend over more than one 12 calendar-month period.

If all testing personnel have associate degrees, but none meet the training or experience requirement for general supervisor, the duties of the general supervisor must be fulfilled by an appropriately qualified individual. This individual need not be on-site at all times.