

D6074

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§493.1425 Standard; Testing personnel responsibilities

(5) Be capable of identifying problems that may adversely affect test performance or reporting of test results and either must correct the problems or immediately notify the technical consultant, clinical consultant or director; and

***Interpretive* Guidelines §493.1425(b)(5)**

If, during the survey, testing personnel demonstrate an inability to identify a problem that adversely affects a patient test result, cite D6029 under director responsibilities.

Some examples of problems that may adversely affect patient test results may include, but are not limited to:

- A pleural fluid that is mislabeled and, therefore, is processed as a urine culture;

- Performing a potassium on a hemolyzed sample; or
- Tests are incubated at 37°C when the manufacturer's instructions require 25°C incubation.