

One Source Toxicology Receives

CLIA Certification **The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments were established to improve the efficiency of laboratory testing.**

One Source Toxicology, Inc. received its Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certification in July 2005.

Congress passed the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) in 1988 establishing quality standards for laboratory testing to ensure the accuracy, reliability and timeliness of patient test results. A laboratory is defined as any facility which performs laboratory testing on specimens derived from humans for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment of disease, or impairment of, or assessment of health.

CLIA specifies quality standards for proficiency testing (PT), patient test management, quality control, personnel qualifications and quality assurance for laboratories performing moderate and/or high complexity tests.

Laboratories must register by completing an application, paying fees, and be inspected three times prior to certification. To retain certification laboratories are inspected bi-annually. Those laboratories which

must be surveyed routinely (i.e., those performing moderate and/or high complexity testing) can choose whether to be surveyed by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or by a private accrediting organization. The CMS survey process is outcome oriented and utilizes a quality assurance focus and an educational approach to assess compliance.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is charged with the implementation of CLIA, including laboratory registration, fee collection, surveys, surveyor guidelines and training, enforcement, approvals of PT providers, accrediting organizations and exempt states.

Data indicates that CLIA has helped to improve the quality of testing in the United States. The total number of quality deficiencies has decreased approximately 40% from the first laboratory survey to their second and further on subsequent surveys.

For more information about the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments and certification visit the CLIA website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/clia/>.

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There's Help For Discovering the UNKNOWN?

Find some pills, powders, paraphernalia or syringes? Do you want to distinguish what the unknown substance might be? Occasionally in the workplace, or at home, you may come across an unknown substance in one of the following forms. Until now there were no methods to determine what the substance was. One Source Toxicology, possesses the ability to test for any unknown or known substances.

One Source Toxicology, Inc. is authorized by the Drug Enforcement Agency, at the Federal and State level, to handle, test and store controlled substances.

For testing services contact the client services department at One Source Toxicology to assist in an effort to determine what substance you may find.



Unknown Pills, Powders and Syringes are tested daily.



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