

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 25D0317431	(X3) Date Survey Completed 05/14/2026
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(X4) ID Prefix Tag	Summary Statement of Deficiencies
D5537	<p>ROUTINE CHEMISTRY CFR(s): 493.1267(b)(d)</p> <p>(b) Test one sample of control material each 8 hours of testing using a combination of control materials that include both low and high values on each day of testing.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of patient test logs, quality control (QC) records, verification records for blood gas testing with the Abbott i-Stat analyzer, lack of documentation of an Individualized Quality Control Plan (IQCP), and interview with Technical Consultant #2 and Testing Personnel #9, the laboratory failed to include a control each eight hours of patient testing for 28, of 28, testing days, when a total of 31 patient blood gas results were reported. Findings include: 1. Review of patient test logs for blood gas testing with the Abbott i-Stat analyzer from 11/3/2025, the date the analyzer was put in use, through 4/29/2026 revealed the following 31 patients' blood gas results, which include pH, pO2, and pCO2, were reported on 28 days: 11/03/2025--Patient #1C13344077. 11/11/2025--Patient #1C13372486. 11/17/2025--Patient #1C13283100. 11/20/2025--Patient #1C12590397. 12/12/2025--Patient #1C13211419. 12/13/2025--Patients #1C14072376 and #1C14044462. 12/31/2025--Patient #1C3586056. 1/11/2026--Patient #1C13897616. 1/12/2026--Patient #1C13297962. 1/17/2026--Patient #1C13528325. 1/25/2026--Patient #1C13989155. 2/08/2026--Patient #1C13127161. 2/11/2026--Patient #1C14480134. 2/18/2026--Patient #1C13791354. 2/19/2026--Patients #1C13791354 and #1C13831139. 2/21/2026--Patient #1C13330305. 2/22/2026--Patient #1C13330305. 2/26/2026--Patient #1C15288415. 3/06/2026--Patient #1C14706407. 3/13/2026--Patient #1C14681193. 4/05/2026--Patient #1C13189759. 4/10/2026--Patient #1C13330305. 4/12/2026--Patient #1C13330305. 4/20/2026--Patient #1C13451572. 4/23/2026--Patient #1C13604257. 4/26/2026--Patient #1C13772771. 4/28/2026--Patients #1C13630753 and #1C13403219. 4/29/2026--Patient #1C13461060. 2. Review of QC records for blood gas testing with the Abbott i-Stat analyzer from 11/3/2025 through 4/29/2026</p>

revealed no documentation of performance of a control each eight hours of patient testing, for 28 of 28 testing days to include both low and high values on each day of testing. 3. Review of QC records and verification of performance specifications for blood gas testing with the Abbott i-Stat analyzer revealed no documentation of establishment of an IQCP for the Abbott i-Stat analyzer, which was put in use for patient testing on 11/3/2025. 4. In an interview on 5/14/2026 at 11:00 a.m., Testing Personnel #9, listed on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 209 personnel form, confirmed quality controls were not tested on the days of patient testing. 5. In an interview on 5/14/2026 at 10:00 a.m., Technical Consultant #2, listed on the CMS 209 personnel form, confirmed an IQCP was not established for blood gas testing on the Abbott i-Stat analyzer.

D6029

LABORATORY DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES
CFR(s): 493.1407(e)(11)

(e)(11) Ensure that prior to testing patients specimens, all personnel have the appropriate education and experience, receive the appropriate training for the type and complexity of the services offered, and have demonstrated that they can perform all testing operations reliably to provide and report accurate results;

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:
Based on review of patient test logs from 11/3/2025 through 4/29/2026 and quality control (QC) records for blood gas testing with the Abbott i-Stat analyzer, personnel records for testing personnel, and interview with Testing Personnel #9, listed on the CMS 209 personnel form, the laboratory director failed to ensure that prior to testing patients' specimens, all personnel received the appropriate training for blood gas testing with the Abbott i-Stat analyzer and demonstrated that they could perform testing reliably to provide and report accurate pH, pO₂, and pCO₂ results for 31 patients, whose results were reported during this time frame. Findings include: 1. Review of patient test logs from 11/3/2025 through 4/29/2026 for blood gas testing with the Abbott i-Stat analyzer revealed results for pH, pO₂, and pCO₂ were reported for 31 patients on 28 days of testing during this time frame. 2. Review of records for blood gas testing personnel revealed no documentation of training for performing blood gas testing on the Abbott i-Stat analyzer for 6, of the 10 blood gas testing personnel, listed on the CMS 209 personnel form--Testing Personnel (TP) #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, and #20. 3. Review of records for blood gas testing personnel revealed no documentation of training for performing quality control (QC) testing on the Abbott i-Stat analyzer for 4, of the 10 blood gas testing personnel, listed on the CMS 209 personnel form--Testing Personnel (TP) #17, #18, #19, and #21. 4. In an interview on 5/14/2026 at 11:00 a.m., Testing Personnel #9 confirmed there was no documentation of training for performing blood gas testing on the Abbott i-Stat analyzer for herself (TP #9) or TP #10, #11, #12, #13, and #20 or for performing QC testing on the Abbott i-Stat analyzer for TP #17, #18, #19, and #21.