

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 34D0970783	(X3) Date Survey Completed 03/05/2026
Name of Provider or Supplier North Carolina Pediatric Associates	Street Address, City, State 1417 College Street, Oxford, NC	
For information on the provider's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the provider or the state survey agency.		

(X4) ID Prefix Tag	Summary Statement of Deficiencies
D5417	<p>TEST SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS, REAGENT CFR(s): 493.1252(d)</p> <p>(d) Reagents, solutions, culture media, control materials, calibration materials, and other supplies must not be used when they have exceeded their expiration date, have deteriorated, or are of substandard quality.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on surveyor observation and interview with technical consultant (TC) and testing personnel (TP #1) 03/05/26, the laboratory failed to discard 82 purple top Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) blood collection tubes that had exceeded their expiration date. It is unknown at time of survey if patients were affected. Findings: At approximately 11:15 a.m. surveyor observed the following expired blood collection tubes on a shelf in a open cupboard of the room in which surveyor was reviewing records: 1 unopened pack of 50 purple top EDTA blood collection tubes - Lot # B240933K - Expiration date 01/01/26. 1 open pack of 32 purple top EDTA blood collection tubes - Lot # B240933K - Expiration date 01/01/26. Interview with TC and TP #1 at approximately 11:30 a.m. confirmed the 82 EDTA blood collection tubes had exceeded their expiration date. They stated that the laboratory seldom utilizes this type of blood collection tube unless the physician specifically requests a test that would need to be sent out to a reference laboratory. The TC stated them would have to research the laboratory send out records to determine if any tubes were used for patient testing.</p>