

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 44D1016165	(X3) Date Survey Completed 07/24/2026
Name of Provider or Supplier Chattanooga Skin And Cancer Clinic	Street Address, City, State 6061 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga, TN	
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
D3011	FACILITIES CFR(s): 493.1101(d) Safety procedures must be established, accessible, and observed to ensure protection from physical, chemical, biochemical, and electrical hazards, and biohazardous materials. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on laboratory observations, reviews of the manufacturer's safety data sheets (SDS), and staff interviews, the laboratory did not ensure personnel were protected from flammable hazards when the laboratory failed to store the flammable reagents used to process patient tissue samples removed during Mohs surgical procedures for slide interpretation in an approved locked storage area in 2026. The findings include: 1. Observation of the laboratory on 07/24/2026 at 8:50 a.m. revealed instruments, microscopes, tissue marking dyes, and an auto stainer used to process patient tissue samples removed during Mohs surgical procedures for slide interpretation. One-gallon reagent containers used for the auto stainer were stored in a cabinet under the sink as follows: Eosin-Y lot 43284 (product code 6402-1G) 100% Reagent Alcohol lot 2531815 (product code MER 1200) 95% Reagent Alcohol lot 245997 (product code 6295-4X1) Xylenes lot 2528601 (product code MER 1250) 2. A review of the manufacturer's SDS revealed the following: Eosin-Y 6402-1G: Section 2 Hazards Identification: Flammable liquid Category 2 (Highly flammable liquid and vapor), and in Section 7 Storage: "Store locked up." 100% Reagent Alcohol MER 1200: Section 2 Hazards Identification: Flammable liquid Category 2 (Highly flammable liquid and vapor), and in Section 7 Storage: "Store in an approved Flammable Liquids storage area." 95% Reagent Alcohol 6295-4X1: Section 2 Hazards statements: Extremely flammable liquid and vapor, and Precautionary statements: Store locked up. In Section 7.2 Storage conditions: "Store locked up." Xylenes MER 1250: Section 2

	Hazards Identification: Flammable liquids Category 3 (flammable liquid and vapor) and Precautionary Statements: "Store locked up." 3. An interview with the laboratory histotechnician on 07/24/2026 at 10:45 a.m. confirmed the survey findings.
D5219	EVALUATION OF PROFICIENCY TESTING PERFORMANCE CFR(s): 493.1236(c)(2) (c)(2) Any test or procedure listed in subpart I of this part for which compatible proficiency testing samples are not offered by a CMS-approved proficiency testing program. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on a review of laboratory procedures, a lack of documentation, and staff interviews, the laboratory failed to verify the accuracy of ectoparasite testing twice annually in 2025, with 53 patients reported. The findings include: 1. A review of the laboratory procedure titled "QUALITY ASSURANCE ON SPLIT SAMPLES OF KOH AND ECTOPARASITES" revealed that the laboratory required two cases per year to be read by a second physician and retain the documentation of the split sample comparison in the laboratory. 2. The laboratory did not provide documentation of split-sample comparisons for the ectoparasite patient testing in 2025 on the date of the survey (07/24/2026). 3. An interview with the laboratory histotechnician on 07/24/2026 at 10:50 a.m. confirmed that the laboratory failed to document split-sample comparisons for ectoparasites in 2025 and stated that the laboratory reported 53 patients. Word Key: KOH- Potassium hydroxide
D5417	TEST SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS, REAGENT CFR(s): 493.1252(d) (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. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on laboratory observation and staff interviews, the laboratory failed to ensure that it did not use tissue marking dye (one of five) beyond the manufacturer's expiration date for patient tissue processing removed during Mohs surgical procedures for slide interpretations from 12/31/2025 through the date of the survey (07/24/2026). The findings include: 1. Observation of the laboratory on 07/24/2026 at 8:50 a.m. revealed a grossing station with one orange tissue dye (lot 185818) with an expiration date of 12/31/2025, used for grossing procedures of patient tissue removed during Mohs surgical procedures. 2. An interview with the laboratory histotechnician on 07/24/2026 at 10:50 a.m. confirmed the survey findings.