

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 44D2280418	(X3) Date Survey Completed 02/06/2026
Name of Provider or Supplier Arthritis Associates, PLLC	Street Address, City, State 1035 Executive Dr, Hixson, 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
D5217	<p>EVALUATION OF PROFICIENCY TESTING PERFORMANCE CFR(s): 493.1236(c)(1)</p> <p>At least twice annually, the laboratory must verify the accuracy of any test or procedure it performs that is not included in subpart I of this part.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation of the laboratory, a review of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Application for Certification (Form CMS-116), final patient test reports, lack of documents, and staff interviews, the laboratory failed to verify the accuracy of the microscopic synovial fluid crystal identification test in 2024 and 2025, with approximately 26 patients reported annually. The findings include: 1. Observation of the laboratory on 02/06/2026 at 9:00 a.m. revealed a microscope used for patient testing. During the observation testing, person one stated that the microscope was used for urine sediment analysis and synovial fluid crystal identification. 2. A review of the Form CMS-116 completed for the survey revealed that the laboratory listed synovial fluid crystal identification as a test it performed. 3. A review of final patient test reports revealed that the laboratory performed a synovial crystal identification (ID) on patient 230112 on 06/03/2025. 4. The laboratory could not provide documentation of verification of accuracy for the microscopic synovial fluid crystal identification test for 2024 or 2025. 5. An interview with testing person one on 02/06/2026 at 3:00 p.m. confirmed that the laboratory performed approximately 26 synovial fluid crystal identification patients annually and failed to verify accuracy in 2024 and 2025.</p>