

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 47D0683984	(X3) Date Survey Completed 10/04/2022
Name of Provider or Supplier Gifford Medical Center	Street Address, City, State 44 South Main St, Randolph, VT	
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
D2016	<p>SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION CFR(s): 493.803(a)(b)(c)</p> <p>(a) Each laboratory performing nonwaived testing must successfully participate in a proficiency testing program approved by CMS, if applicable, as described in subpart I of this part for each specialty, subspecialty, and analyte or test in which the laboratory is certified under CLIA. (b) Except as specified in paragraph (c) of this section, if a laboratory fails to participate successfully in proficiency testing for a given specialty, subspecialty, analyte or test, as defined in this section, or fails to take remedial action when an individual fails gynecologic cytology, CMS imposes sanctions, as specified in subpart R of this part. (c) If a laboratory fails to perform successfully in a CMS-approved proficiency testing program, for the initial unsuccessful performance, CMS may direct the laboratory to undertake training of its personnel or to obtain technical assistance, or both, rather than imposing alternative or principle sanctions except when one or more of the following conditions exists: (1) There is immediate jeopardy to patient health and safety. (2) The laboratory fails to provide CMS or a CMS agent with satisfactory evidence that it has taken steps to correct the problem identified by the unsuccessful proficiency testing performance. (3) The laboratory has a poor compliance history.</p> <p>This CONDITION is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and staff interview, the laboratory failed to successfully participate in proficiency testing for blood gas hydrogen concentration (pH) in 2021 and 2022. Refer to tags D2087 and D2096.</p>
D2087	<p>ROUTINE CHEMISTRY CFR(s): 493.841(a)</p> <p>Failure to attain a score of at least 80 percent of acceptable responses for each analyte in each testing event is unsatisfactory analyte performance for the testing event.</p>

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:
Based on record review and staff interview, the laboratory (lab) failed to attain a proficiency testing (PT) score of at least 80% for blood gas hydrogen concentration (pH) in event 3 of 2021 and event 2 of 2022. Findings include: 1) Review on 10/4/2022 of PT scores revealed the lab's pH score was 60% for WSLH PT event 3 in 2021 and 0% for WSLH PT event 2 in 2022. 2) Interview on 10/4/2022 at 12:40 p.m. via telephone with the Technical Supervisor confirmed the scores listed above.

D2096

ROUTINE CHEMISTRY
CFR(s): 493.841(f)

Failure to achieve satisfactory performance for the same analyte or test in two consecutive testing events or two out of three consecutive testing events is unsuccessful performance.

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:
Based on record review and staff interview, the laboratory (lab) failed to achieve satisfactory performance in two out of three WSLH proficiency testing (PT) events for blood gas hydrogen concentration (pH) in 2021 and 2022, resulting in unsuccessful PT performance. Refer to D2089.