



Accreditation Requirements for Phlebotomy Services

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This document addresses the Diagnostic Accreditation Program's (DAP) response to inquiries about accreditation requirements for phlebotomy services.

Specimen collection is a foundational component of high-quality, safe diagnostic services. Improper specimen collection risks the integrity of the diagnostic service and may invalidate diagnostic test results and result in patient harm. In response to the potential of harm to patients, the College has identified specimen collection to be in scope of the DAP laboratory medicine accreditation standards.

Specimen collection is a broad classification of medical procedures that range from non-invasive patient led activities (e.g. mid-stream urine collection) to restricted medical procedures that may only be performed by select approved regulated medical professionals (e.g. lumbar punctures).

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