

NOTE: In general, calibrators should not be used as QC materials. However, this practice may be necessary for some methods when a separate control product is not available. In such cases, the calibrator used as a control must be from a different lot number than that used to calibrate the method.

Evidence of Compliance:

- ✓ QC/calibrator records

REFERENCES

- 1) Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Clinical laboratory improvement amendments of 1988; final rule. *Fed Register*. 2003(Jan 24):3708 [42CFR493.1256(d)(9)]

CBG.13200 Alternative Control Procedures

Phase II



If the laboratory performs test procedures for which control materials are not commercially available, the laboratory performs and records alternative control procedures to detect immediate errors and monitor test system performance over time.

NOTE: "Performance" includes elements of accuracy, precision, and clinical discriminating power. The following are examples of alternative procedures: split sample testing with another method or with another laboratory, the testing of previously tested patient specimens in duplicate, testing of patient specimens in duplicate, or other defined processes approved by the laboratory director.

In clinical biochemical genetics laboratories calibrators and control materials are not available for some of the analytes detected in complex metabolic profiles. As these analytes often have critical clinical significance, it is acceptable to use surrogate calibrations (using compounds with similar structure) to generate quantitative results used in the context of pattern recognition and profile interpretation. When surrogate calibrators are used, their use and the basis of their use must be validated and recorded.

Evidence of Compliance:

- ✓ Records of alternative control procedures

REFERENCES

- 1) Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Clinical laboratory improvement amendments of 1988; final rule. *Fed Register*. 2003(Jan 24): [42CFR493.1256(h)].

CBG.13300 QC Data

Phase II

Quality control data are organized and presented so they can be evaluated daily by the technical staff to detect problems, trends, etc.

NOTE: Results of controls must be recorded or plotted to readily detect a malfunction in the instrument or in the analytic system. These control records must be readily available to the person performing the test.

REFERENCES

- 1) Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI). *Statistical Quality Control for Quantitative Measurement Procedures: Principles and Definitions*. 4th ed. CLSI guideline C24. Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, Wayne, PA, 2016.

CBG.13400 Numeric QC Data

Phase II

For numeric QC data, quality control statistics (eg, SD and CV) are calculated monthly to define and monitor analytic imprecision.

NOTE: The laboratory must evaluate the imprecision statistics (eg, SD, CV) monthly to confirm that the test system is performing within acceptable limits. For whole blood methods, where stabilized whole blood or other suitable material is not available for QC, such statistics may be generated from previous patient/client samples using the SD of duplicate pairs or other patient data based statistical procedures.