INTERLABORATORY COMPARISONS

NOTE: Peer interlaboratory comparison programs provide valuable educational opportunities based on peer performance comparisons in both technical and interpretive arenas. While not completely emulating cytopathology preparation and interpretation, participation in such programs enables a laboratory to compare its performance to peer laboratories.

Inspector Instructions:

	• Sampling of interlaboratory comparison program policies and procedures • Sampling of interlaboratory comparison program records including participation, retesting and remedial training, if applicable
	• What type of remedial training do you provide when an individual has an unacceptable score on PT?
	• Select an example of unacceptable interlaboratory comparison results (if applicable) and follow records from original testing to retesting and remedial training, if necessary. Determine if practice matches policies and procedures.

CYP.00125 PT Participation - Gynecologic Cytopathology Phase II

For laboratories subject to US regulations that perform gynecologic cytopathology, the laboratory and all individuals who examine gynecologic preparations participate in the CAP Gynecologic Cytology PT Program (PAP PT) or another proficiency testing program in gynecologic cytopathology approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

NOTE: This checklist requirement applies only to US laboratories and other laboratories subject to CLIA regulations. Laboratories must retain records of PT performance for at least 2 years. Records must be kept for each individual participating in annual PT, including identification of those who are retested; records of remedial training; records of imposition of limitations on slide examination; and records of re-examination of slides, as required by CLIA.

Evidence of Compliance:

- ✓ Records that the laboratory is enrolled and all currently employed personnel have successfully completed PT **AND**
- ✓ Records of retesting, remedial training and imposition of limitations, if applicable **AND**
- ✓ Records of notification to the PT provider and CMS for any PAP testing personnel who left employment prior to completion of annual PT

REFERENCES

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