

SAMHSA Mandatory Guidelines – Laboratory & Testing Standards

Federal Laboratory Standards

SAMHSA establishes mandatory guidelines for laboratory certification, specimen validity testing, cutoff levels, and reporting standards within federally regulated drug testing programs.

Cutoff Levels & Validity Testing

Laboratories follow strict initial and confirmatory cutoff levels. Specimen validity testing identifies dilution, adulteration, substitution, or tampering.

Chain of Custody Integrity

Maintaining uninterrupted documentation from collection through laboratory analysis ensures defensibility of results.

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