

# 5. DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY SERVICES

**Objective:** Diagnostic laboratory services are provided that ensure accurate test results. The diagnostic services are provided in a manner that is safe for team members, the public and is not a hazard to the environment or other animals. Whether procedures are performed within or outside the practice will be determined by the availability of alternative services and the timeliness of results.

## Requirements

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Where pathological samples are sent to external organizations, a suitable range of containers, envelopes and forms must be available. Forms can be either electronic or paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Specimens are properly identified to prevent misidentification or mismatch of test results.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protocols for packaging pathologic samples to send to external organizations are utilized.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. There are adequate facilities for storage of specimens and reagents, and for disposal of waste materials.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Safety protocols are in place for team members who handle laboratory specimens and reagents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Appropriate personal protective equipment is available.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. There is a clean and tidy designated area for in-house laboratory testing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. There are sufficient supplies to perform diagnostic testing commensurate with the scope of practice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. The practice has reference materials applicable to the tests carried out.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Adequate necropsy facilities including sufficient supplies and equipment are available or other arrangements are made. Necropsy facilities ensure that health and safety is paramount and procedures are undertaken to guard against zoonoses and spread of infection.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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11. Results of all laboratory tests are documented in the patient's medical record.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. There is a tracking mechanism used to ensure results are received, reviewed by the veterinarian, documented in the patient's record and conveyed to the client.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. In-house diagnostic laboratory equipment and facilities are suitable for the range of species routinely treated and the diagnostic laboratory services provided.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. In-house diagnostic laboratory equipment is properly maintained and in good repair.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. There are suitable arrangements for quality control of in-house clinical pathology machine. Quality control testing is performed and documented that ensures the machine is consistently producing accurate diagnostic results.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. The practice disposes of test kits and reagents upon expiration in the correct manner.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Reference range values for lab tests are available for each species commonly treated at the practice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Ophthalmic diagnostic equipment and supplies are available, or other arrangements made. Availability depends on the scope of practice, geographic location and referral options. For instance, a practice in a remote location with limited to no access to referral options should carry this equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Notes Section: List the equipment and supplies at your facility that are used to provide diagnostic laboratory services. Explain how your facility meets the requirement.</b>			