

LIST OF APPROVED LABORATORY ACCREDITATION BODIES

Requirements on Accreditation Bodies under the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (PHMC) Regulations:

Test or examination of samples taken at medical clinic

Regulation 44. Where any sample of any matter derived from a human body is taken at a medical clinic for test or examination for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of any disease or for the assessment of the health of any person, the licensee of the medical clinic shall ensure that such sample is tested or examined —

- (a) by a licensed clinical laboratory;
- (b) where the medical clinic provides a laboratory service which is capable of performing the requisite test or examination, by a suitably qualified person employed to carry out the laboratory service at the medical clinic; or
- (c) where the sample is intended to be sent for testing or examination abroad, by a foreign clinical laboratory which has been accredited by an accreditation body approved by the Director.

Outsourcing of conduct of test and examination of samples

Regulation 55. —(1) Subject to paragraph (2), all tests and examinations to be performed by a clinical laboratory shall be performed at the licensed premises of such clinical laboratory.

(2) The licensee of a clinical laboratory shall not outsource the conduct of any test or examination or any part thereof except to —

- (a) another licensed clinical laboratory; or
- (b) any foreign clinical laboratory which has been accredited by an accreditation body approved by the Director.

Healthcare institutions intending to outsource tests to a foreign clinical laboratory must therefore ensure that the foreign clinical laboratory providing the tests has been accredited by an accreditation body approved by the Ministry. The list of approved laboratory accreditation bodies includes:

1. American Association of Blood Banks (USA)
2. American College of Radiation Oncology (USA)
3. American College of Radiology (USA)
4. American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (USA)
5. American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (USA)
6. College of American Pathologists (USA)
7. Clinical Pathology Accreditation (UK)
8. Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (USA)
9. National Association of Medical Examiners (USA)
10. National Association of Testing Authorities (Australia)

11. National Pathology Accreditation Advisory Council (Australia)
12. Singapore Accreditation Council-Singapore Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (Singapore)
13. The Joint Commission (USA) (formally Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)
14. International Accreditation New Zealand (New Zealand)
15. Danish Accreditation [DANAK] (Denmark) New addition
16. Dutch Accreditation Council [Raad voor Accreditatie] (The Netherlands) New addition
17. Swiss Accreditation Services (Switzerland) New addition
18. Taiwan Accreditation Foundation (Taiwan) New addition