

# INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL LABORATORY IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENT (CLIA) PROFICIENCY TESTING

**WB4907**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** This enduring activity is designed for individuals with roles associated with clinical laboratory testing, including those who conduct tests or support other activities related to the clinical testing process. It provides foundational information about CLIA proficiency testing (PT), including its historical background, importance, and impact on clinical laboratories and facilities that perform regulated testing. The course covers the fundamentals of CLIA PT, explains the PT process and scoring procedures, and addresses PT referral.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

At the conclusion of the session, the participant should be able to:

1. Identify the four steps in the proficiency testing (PT) process
2. Locate the resource that identifies which nonwaived tests require PT
3. Determine when to participate in PT versus performing alternative assessment
4. List the corrective steps to take for a failed PT score
5. Identify their responsibilities in ensuring compliance with PT requirements

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## **CE ORIGATION DATE:**

November 1, 2024

## **CE EXPIRATION DATE:**

November 1, 2026

## **URL**

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**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Physicians, Laboratorians, Administrators and Program Managers

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**FORMAT:** This activity is Web-based

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** CDC Lab Training  
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1. Register for and complete the course in OneLab REACH.
2. Pass the posttest at 70%.
3. Copy the passcode provided after passing the posttest.
4. Go to CDC TRAIN and register for the Introduction to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) Proficiency Testing (Web Based) – WB4907 course.
5. Check the box for each type of CE you wish to apply for when registering for the course.
6. Select the **\*\*Mark Completed\*\*** button on the course page in TRAIN.
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