

## Essential Steps of the CLIA Testing Process

The Total Testing Process is a guide for clinical laboratory testing cycles involving all steps in each testing system. It helps diagnostic laboratories follow regulations set by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (or CLIA), monitor quality, and avoid common errors.

The Total Testing Process includes the preanalytic, analytic, and postanalytic systems. Within these three systems, the key components of laboratory service include: test selection and request by the clinician, test performance, and test results reporting by the laboratory.

