CAP Laboratory Accreditation Consulting

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What to have ready

- Your current CAP Accreditation Checklists, discipline-specific plus Laboratory General and All Common, with the edition noted (CAP [https://www.cap.org/laboratory-quality-solutions/accreditation/laboratory-accreditation-program/], as read October 2, 2026).
- Your current CLIA certificate, and a plan for the "certificate of accreditation as required in subpart D" (42 CFR 493.551(b)(1) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-G/part-493/section-493.551]).
- Proficiency testing enrollment and results, since an accredited lab must "Meet the proficiency testing (PT) requirements in subpart H" (42 CFR 493.551(b)(3) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-G/part-493/section-493.551]).
- A list of every test method and specimen type, checked against the scope CAP describes for its program (CAP [https://www.cap.org/laboratory-quality-solutions/accreditation/laboratory-accreditation-program/], as read October 2, 2026).
- Your document-control procedure and the current controlled-document list.
- Nonconformity and corrective action records for the last cycle.
- Evidence for the CLIA, FDA and OSHA standards that CAP lists for participating laboratories (CAP [https://www.cap.org/laboratory-quality-solutions/accreditation/laboratory-accreditation-program/], as read October 2, 2026).
- If you plan CAP 15189: your copy of ISO 15189:2022 and a plan for the three-year CAP cycle, which CAP describes as an accreditation assessment in year one, then surveillance assessments in year two (management standards) and year three (technical standards) (CAP 15189 [https://www.cap.org/laboratory-quality-solutions/accreditation/cap-15189-accreditation-program/], as read October 2, 2026).
- An owner and calendar time for the 30-day deficiency response (CAP accreditation process [https://info.cap.org/accreditation/], page opened October 3, 2026).