Forensic Drug Testing Laboratory Accreditation Consulting

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What to have ready

- Your purchased CAP checklists: Forensic Drug Testing, Chemistry and Toxicology, Laboratory General, Director Assessment and All Common, with editions noted.
- The edition of the CAP FDT Standards for Accreditation CAP gives you (the edition we reviewed was revised June 2018 [https://documents-cloud.cap.org/appsuite/learning/LAP/TLTM/resources/standards/FDTstandards.pdf]).
- Your chain-of-custody procedure and current custody forms, for Standard III's "chain-of-custody documentation" (CAP FDT Standards [https://documents-cloud.cap.org/appsuite/learning/LAP/TLTM/resources/standards/FDTstandards.pdf]).
- A list of specimen types and methods, checked against the specimen coverage on CAP's program page: urine, oral fluid, hair, nails, meconium, umbilical cord and whole blood (CAP [https://www.cap.org/laboratory-quality-solutions/accreditation/forensic-drug-testing-accreditation-program/], as read October 2, 2026).
- A decision on whether clinical toxicology is in scope, given the 2025 change under which CAP certifies that testing for CLIA compliance (CAP [https://www.cap.org/laboratory-quality-solutions/accreditation/forensic-drug-testing-accreditation-program/], as read October 2, 2026).
- Your exception-handling and result-reporting procedures, with recent examples.
- A plan for the self-inspection in the off-year between on-site inspections (CAP [https://www.cap.org/laboratory-quality-solutions/accreditation/forensic-drug-testing-accreditation-program/], as read October 2, 2026).
- If you serve federal, DOT, DOE or NRC testing: the Mandatory Guidelines version you operate under, and the NLCP proficiency testing and inspection schedule (SAMHSA NLCP [https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/national-laboratory-certification-program-2024.pdf]).
- An owner for the deficiency response: CAP's accreditation process page gives laboratories 30 days to respond to deficiencies (CAP accreditation process [https://info.cap.org/accreditation/], page opened October 3, 2026).