Compliance Tool: CLIA IQCP Quality Control Plan (QCP) Worksheet

Instead of the cookie-cutter quality control (QC) procedures CLIA regulations require, labs that perform nonwaived tests have the option of implementing an individualized quality control plan (IQCP) tailored to their unique testing environment and patients. In addition to supporting CLIA compliance, the IQCP helps you identify and eliminate issues in your testing systems that can lead to errors and compromise quality. There are three phases of IQCP implementation:

- 1. Risk Assessment (RA)
- 2. Quality Control Plan (QCP)
- **3.** Quality Assessment (QA)

Here's a worksheet for the QCP process based on the template and examples sketched out in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services IQCP implementation <u>guidelines</u>.

Test System Name:

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Laboratory Name:

Type of Quality Control	Frequency	Acceptability Criteria (Range of Acceptable Values)
Electronic Controls		
Equipment Maintenance		
Equipment Calibration		
Internal Controls		
Personnel Training & Competency		
Assessment		
Other Quality Control Activities		
Laboratory Director Signature:		Date:

Source: Adapted from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Developing an IQCP: A Step-by-Step Guide*.