## CDC's Clinical Standardization Programs to improve accuracy and reliability of hormone tests

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CDC's Clinical Standardization Programs help laboratories and manufacturers to improve and maintain the accuracy and reliability of laboratory tests



## CDC improves patient care and public health by ensuring laboratory measurements are accurate and reliable

### Goal

Improve diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of selected diseases by standardizing clinical laboratory measurements

### **Objective**

Create measurement results that are traceable to one accuracy basis and thus are comparable across methods, location, and over time

### Standardization is a process

in which the accuracy, and other relevant analytical performance parameters of an assay are improved and maintained to meet certain clinical needs

### A standardized laboratory test has

demonstrated through a thorough, independent assessment that its analytical performance meets relevant analytical performance goals

# CDC's Clinical Standardization Programs improve and maintain accurate and reliable disease biomarker measurements for new and established assays

Program Name	Biomarker	Program Focus	Main Participants	
Cholesterol Reference Method Laboratory Network (CRMLN)	Total Cholesterol, Total Glycerides, HDL-Cholesterol, LDL-Cholesterol			
Hormones Standardization Program (HoSt)	Testosterone Estradiol Thyroxine (2019) Triiodothyronine (2019)	Improve and Maintain Accuracy and Reliability	Assay Manufacturers and Laboratories with LDTs	
Vitamin D Standardization Certification Program (VDSCP)	Total 25-hydroxyvitamin D			
Lipids Standardization Program (LSP)	Total Cholesterol, Total Glycerides, HDL-Cholesterol, Apo Lipoprotein A-I, Apo Lipoprotein B	Monitor Accuracy and Reliability During Routine Testing	Clinical and Research Laboratories	
Accuracy-based Monitoring Program (AMP)	Testosterone Estradiol Total 25-hydroxyvitamin D			

## CDC's Clinical Standardization Programs provide unique services at every step in the standardization process

Standardization Steps	Standardization Elements and Activities	CDC's Program Components
Develop and Maintain Reference System	Reference Methods and Reference Materials	Hormones and Lipids Reference Laboratories
Establish Metrological Traceability	Calibration and Analytical Performance Assessment of LDTs and Manufacturers	Standardization Laboratory (HoSt, VDSCP, CRMLN)
Verify "End-User" Test Performance	Performance Verification of Testing in Patient Care and Research	Monitoring Laboratory (LSP, AMP, ab-EQA/PT)

## CDC operates reference methods for key disease biomarkers

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	Accuracy	Precision
Total Cholesterol	±1.0%	≤1%
LDL-Cholesterol	≤2%	≤1.5%
HDL-Cholesterol	≤1.0 mg/dL	≤1 SD
Triglycerides	≤2.5%	≤2.5%
Total 25-Hydroxyvitamin D	±1.7%	≤5.0%
Testosterone	±2.1%	≤2.7%
Estradiol	±2.8%	≤5.7%

## CDC is developing new reference methods and harmonization programs

- Thyroid stimulating hormone
- > Thyroid hormones
- Parathyroid hormones





# **Testosterone** tests standardized by CDC showed better accuracy than non-standardized tests in 2018



**Estradiol** measurements of participants in the CDC Hormones Standardization Program improve over time





CDC Hormones Standardization Program for testosterone improved patient care through standardization of tests and development standardized reference intervals



### Mean bias (calibration bias) is not always a major contributor to measurement inaccuracy

## Proportion of calibration bias, sample-specific effects, and imprecision contributing to inaccurate estradiol measurements in 3 participants of an interlaboratory comparison study



Vesper et al. Steroids 2014;82:7-13

CDC's Clinical Standardization Programs use individual donor samples to better detect and address measurement bias caused by sample-specific factors



# The bias of some testosterone assays appears to be associated with SHBG concentrations in the sample



Individual sample mean bias by SHBG concentration observed with one participant

> CDC Hormone Standardization Program is screening all sera for SHBG

### Initial study suggests that some assays have no association between moderately increased biotin levels and measurement bias



Percent difference in measurement bias between unspiked and biotin-spiked sera determined in 20 participants

CDC Clinical Standardization
 Program is screening all sera for
 biotin

Sera used in CDC's Clinical Standardization Programs have biotin concentrations of < 1 ng/mL

# CDC is continuously addressing needs and requests from its stakeholders by expanding its standardization program activities

Reference methods and materials development	<ul> <li>PTH</li> <li>Free and total T4</li> <li>Glucose</li> <li>Creatinine</li> </ul>	
Standardization and harmonization programs in development	<ul> <li>PTH</li> <li>Thyroid function tests (Free and total T4 and TSH)</li> <li>Free testosterone</li> <li>Binding proteins</li> </ul>	
Accuracy-based Monitoring Program (AMP) for clinical and research laboratories	Available for vitamin D and testosterone	



Partnership for the Accurate Testing of Hormones (PATH) supports and promotes standardized hormone tests for better healthcare and research

### PATH is a stakeholder organization

- Consists of clinical, medical and public health organizations
- Promotes accurate tests and appropriate use of hormone tests through
  - Education
  - Advocacy
  - Technical Support www.hormoneassays.org

#### **PATH Members**

American Association for Clinical Chemistry American Society for Bone and Mineral Research American Thyroid Association American Urological Association Androgen Excess/PCOS Society Association of Public Health Laboratories Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **College of American Pathologists Endocrine Society** International Andrology Society Laboratory Corporation of America National Institute of Health/NICHD North American Menopause Society **Pediatric Endocrine Society Quest Diagnostics** Siemens Healthineers

## Summary

CDC's Clinical Standardization Programs improve the accuracy and reliability of clinical tests and enables correct and consistent diagnosis, treatment and prevention of key chronic diseases

- show measurable improvements in accuracy with tests used in research and patient care
- address calibration accuracy and sample-specific bias
- provide new accuracy-based monitoring programs designed for clinical and research laboratories
- expand to include new high priority analytes

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