

# Approved Accreditation Organizations for Clinical Laboratories

Laboratories can elect to meet CLIA regulations by following the requirements of one of the following laboratory accrediting organizations.

1. Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation (COLA), [www.cola.org](http://www.cola.org)
2. College of American Pathologists (CAP), [www.cap.org](http://www.cap.org)
3. The Joint Commission (TJC), [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org)
4. American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), [www.aabb.org](http://www.aabb.org)
5. American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA), [www.a2la.org](http://www.a2la.org)
6. American Osteopathic Association, [www.osteopathic.org](http://www.osteopathic.org)
7. American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI), [www.ashi-hla.org](http://www.ashi-hla.org)

Laboratories may also be certified directly by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which contracts with state agencies for inspections. Laboratories in the states of New York and Washington are exempt under CLIA and meet state requirements that are at least as stringent as CLIA.