

COLA Top 10 Deficiencies in 2016

Rank	COLA Checklist Number	Description
1	PER 5	For lack of complete competency assessments as required.
2	LDR 5	For the Lab Director not fulfilling the QC and QA responsibilities of the position.
3	PT 16	Lack of review of PT results by the Lab Director and supervisory staff.
4	LDR 4	For the Lab Director not fulfilling the PT responsibilities of the position
5	WAV 2	For not performing or documenting QC on waived testing as required by the manufacturer.
6	PER 4 C	For the Technical Consultant or Technical Supervisor not fulfilling the responsibilities of the position.
7	QC 16 -	For lack of review of cumulative QC data, either using graphing or statistical analysis, in order to assess continued accuracy and precision of quantitative methods.
8	PER 4 E	For the Testing Personnel not fulfilling the responsibilities of the position.
9	CA 2	For not performing calibration verification as required.
10	PT 4 -	For lack of twice annual split specimen analysis for unregulated analytes not enrolled in PT.

- A. Data was provided by Kathy Nucifora, Director of Accreditation. Data not available for total number of labs / percentage of labs that got cited for each criteria. Unable to break the data down into sub divisions, such as POL, reference labs, and referral labs.