

## FAQ #1 – We are a laboratory located in another state and want to test Oregon specimens. What does Oregon require?

**Q: If we are a laboratory not located in Oregon, and want to test or are testing Oregon specimens, what Oregon regulatory requirements for out of state testing should we know?**

A: Oregon requires that your laboratory must have a current CLIA certificate appropriate to the level of testing performed.

**Q: What if we have a collection site in Oregon and then send the specimens to our lab located in another state?**

A: Oregon does not regulate the **collection** of a specimen beyond CLIA requirements for the pre-analytical portion of the test. However Oregon does regulate who may **order** a lab test. Please see our web document [Who May Order Lab Tests](#)

**Q: If an Oregon clinic sends specimens to our lab do we have to verify that the test was ordered by an Oregon practitioner?**

A: If that is a requirement in your state.

**Q: Is there anything else we should know about?**

A: Oregon has two non-CLIA regulatory programs for screening human specimens within Oregon, they are:

- Non-medical substances of abuse (SOA) screening tests, such as employment/pre-employment drug or alcohol screens or school sports drug-free screens are regulated under the [SOA Registration Program](#). As this type of testing does not meet the definition of ‘clinical testing’ there are no regulations governing who may order the test.
  - Be aware that CLIA regulates substance of abuse testing for health reasons such as drug monitoring or rehabilitation. See [Guidance regarding the circumstances when laboratories performing drug or alcohol screening and/or testing must be CLIA certified](#) Testing that meets the definition of ‘clinical’ would require a practitioner’s order in Oregon.
- ‘Health Fair’ or ‘Mall’ testing is regulated in Oregon under the [Health Screen Testing \(HST\) Permit](#). This allows for 9 specified types of screening tests allowed without a practitioner’s orders in a ‘health fair’ setting.