

CLIA QUICK FACTS

Did You Know That??.....

- *We are celebrating 20 years of Quality!---*
The CLIA Final Regulations were published on February 28, 1992.
- *The impetus for CLIA was deaths from incorrectly read Pap tests.*
- *70% of all medical decisions are based on a laboratory result.*
- *Every person is 'touched' by a laboratory throughout all the phases of life, from birth to death.*
- *CLIA has enrolled 230,000 laboratories; 33% perform moderate or complex testing and have onsite surveys by CMS or State survey personnel; 50% are physician offices; 85% perform < 2,000 tests/year.*
- *The 'I' in CLIA stands for Improvement. CLIA uses an educational approach which has demonstrated success in facilitating laboratories' continuous quality improvement.*
- *CLIA oversight is a team effort among the CMS Central Office, Regional Offices and State Agencies.*
- *Laboratory testing represents 3% of Medicare payments, but all laboratories are covered by CLIA, regardless of payment method.*
- *There are approximately 4,000 laboratory tests available; over 1,000 conditions are now detectable by molecular technologies.*
- *CLIA is a tri-partite program; that is, it is administered by three HHS agencies: CMS, FDA, and CDC, with CMS having overall responsibility.*
- *CLIA is entirely user fee funded by certificate and survey fees (based on test volumes) from the regulated laboratories.*
- *CMS/CLIA collaborates ongoing with professional partners and stake holders to enhance the level of oversight.*

