

**Consensus Standards Development Board
Proposed Tentative Interim Amendment #4. April, 2009**

- a. the section(s) of the standard that should be amended;

V1M1 4.2.1

- b. the rationale for the Tentative Interim Amendment:

The TIA will correct a potential implementation problem that was discovered during LASC review. The LASC originally proposed an editorial change to remove the clause in V2M2 5.2.2 because it was not included in V1M1. After committee deliberation, the group decided that the clause was not included in V1M1 due to an oversight during standards development. Although the clause is part of the 2003 NELAC Standard, it was not included in the TNI standard and because it adds a requirement to the standard, this change cannot be considered editorial and must be corrected with a TIA.

- c. the factor(s) that would determine whether the amendment qualifies as a Tentative Interim Amendment:

The section contains an error or omission that was overlooked during regular standard development.

- d. the proposed change to the standard, including suggested wording is as follows:

To maintain accreditation the laboratory shall:

- a) analyze at least two TNI-compliant PT samples per calendar year for each accreditation FoPT for which the laboratory is accredited unless TNI-compliant PT samples are not available from any PTPA approved PT provider at least twice per year, in which case the laboratory shall analyze the PT samples in the minimum time frame in which the PT samples are available. The analysis dates of successive PT samples for the same accreditation FoPT shall be at least five (5) months apart and no longer than seven (7) months apart unless the PT sample is being used for corrective action to reestablish successful history in order to maintain continued accreditation, or is being used to reinstate accreditation after suspension, in which case the analysis dates of successive PT samples for the same accreditation FoPT shall be at least fifteen (15) days apart.