

Blood pH and Gases	
Standard	Guidance
<p>The following specialty sustaining standards of practices shall be incorporated into the laboratory's quality management system, where applicable to the scope of services provided.</p> <p>Effective August 5, 2016.</p>	
<p>Blood pH and Gases Standard 1 (BP S1)</p> <p>Unless an Individualized Quality Control Plan is established in accordance with Quality Control Sustaining Standard of Practice S1 (QC Design S1): Design of Individualized Quality Control Plan, for all blood gas instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) three levels of control shall be used on each day of testing, and a minimum of one control shall be run each eight hours of testing; andb) a control or calibrator shall be run with each patient unless the blood gas instrument internally verifies the calibration at a minimum of every 30 minutes.	