

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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<p>Clinical Toxicology Standard 1 (CT S1)</p> <p>Comprehensive Toxicology laboratories shall maintain, on-site, acceptable methods for the confirmation of presumptive positive drug screens.</p>	<p>The analytical methods used to confirm presumptive positives are based on chemical and physical principles that differ from those used in the screening procedure.</p>	<p>Clinical Toxicology Standard 1 (CT S1)</p> <p>Laboratories holding a Toxicology - Clinical Toxicology - Comprehensive permit shall either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) maintain the ability to confirm presumptive positive results on-site by a quantitative confirmatory method; or b) report the presumptive positive result as unconfirmed; or c) refer the specimen to another laboratory holding a New York State permit in Toxicology - Clinical Toxicology – Comprehensive for confirmation by a quantitative method. 	

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<p>Clinical Toxicology Standard 2 (CT S2)</p> <p>For substance of abuse testing, reports of unconfirmed drug screen findings shall clearly state that the positive findings are unconfirmed.</p>		<p>Clinical Toxicology Standard 2 (CT S2)</p> <p>Laboratories holding a Toxicology - Clinical Toxicology – Qualitative Testing Only permit shall either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) clearly state on the report that all presumptive positive findings are unconfirmed; or b) refer the specimen to a laboratory holding a New York State permit in Toxicology - Clinical Toxicology – Comprehensive for confirmation by a quantitative confirmatory method. 	
<p>Clinical Toxicology Standard 3 (CT S3)</p> <p>For substance of abuse testing, reports shall state the assay cutoff levels used to discern positive from negative results.</p>		<p>Clinical Toxicology Standard 3 (CT S3)</p> <p>Reports shall state the assay cutoff levels.</p>	