

## 42 C.F.R. § 493.915

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### Mycology.

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- (a) *Types of services offered by laboratories.* In mycology, there are four types of laboratories for proficiency testing purposes that may perform different levels of service for yeasts, dimorphic fungi, dermatophytes, and aerobic actinomycetes:
- (1) Those that isolate and identify only yeasts and/or dermatophytes to the genus level;
  - (2) Those that isolate and identify yeasts and/or dermatophytes to the species level;
  - (3) Those that isolate and perform identification of all organisms to the genus level; and
  - (4) Those that isolate and perform identification of all organisms to the species level.
- (b) *Program content and frequency of challenge.* To be approved for proficiency testing for mycology, the annual program must provide a minimum of five samples per testing event. There must be at least three testing events at approximately equal intervals per year. The samples may be provided through mailed shipments or, at HHS' option, may be provided to HHS or its designee for on-site testing. An annual program must include samples that contain organisms that are representative of five major groups of fungi: Yeast or yeast-like fungi; dimorphic fungi; dematiaceous fungi; dermatophytes; and saprophytes, including opportunistic fungi. The specific fungi included in the samples may vary from year to year.

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