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Certificate of Provider Performed Microscopy Procedures FAQ

What testing can I perform with a Certificate of PPMP?

A Certificate of PPMP covers only the 9 listed PPMP moderate complexity tests and all waived testing.

How much does a Certificate of PPMP cost?

A Certificate of PPMP is \$240 and lasts for 2 years.

Who can be my lab director?

The qualifications for the lab director of a PPMP certificate are in 42 CFR § 493.1357. The lab director must possess an individual state license, and be a physician, a midlevel practitioner, or a dentist.

Who can perform the testing?

The qualifications for PPMP testing personnel are in 42 CFR § 493.1363. The person performing the PPMP tests must possess an individual state license, and be a physician, a midlevel practitioner, or a dentist.

Any person can perform the waived testing with a Certificate of PPMP.

How do I know what tests qualify as PPM?

The list of tests classified as PPMP can be found in the on this webpage. Tests not specifically listed as PPM are not PPMP tests. Please see the FDA website to determine if other tests are waived, moderate, or high complexity.

What if I want to do other moderate complexity tests, such as moderate complexity kits?

A Certificate of PPMP only covers the moderate complexity tests classified as PPMP and waived testing. In order to perform other moderate complexity tests, a Certificate of Compliance/Accreditation is needed.