

 **PREMIER****Contracted
Supplier**

Infolab awarded contract with Premier!

Infolab, Inc. has been awarded a contract with the purchasing group Premier to begin January 1, 2009. The contract is for laboratory and medical supplies. Premier members may activate Infolab contract pricing by going to the Premier website and logging on to Supply Chain Advisor. The Infolab contract number is PP-LA-240.



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2008-2009 Flu Information According to the CDC.....

**“Flu activity typically does not reach its peak
in the U.S. until January or February.”**

Get up-to-date current information on Flu statistics and current outbreaks at the CDC Flu Website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

**Direct Access Testing (DAT) and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement
Amendments (CLIA) Regulations – Click Here**

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CLIA/downloads/Direct_Access_Testing_\(DAT\).pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CLIA/downloads/Direct_Access_Testing_(DAT).pdf)

QC HIGHLIGHTS from the CMS Website – Click Here
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CLIA/downloads/qchigh.pdf>

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CLIA Brochures Available for Download – Click the Link to View and Download

The following brochures help to explain the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regulation requirements and they are listed below as downloads:

Brochure #1 – How do they affect my laboratory?

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CLIA/downloads/6063bk.pdf>

Brochure #2 – Verification of Performance Specifications

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CLIA/downloads/6064bk.pdf>

Brochure #3 – Calibration and Calibration Verification

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CLIA/downloads/6065bk.pdf>

Brochure #4 – Equivalent Quality Control Procedures

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CLIA/downloads/6066bk.pdf>

Brochure #5 – How to Obtain a CLIA Certificate

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CLIA/downloads/HowObtainCLIACertificate.pdf>

Brochure #6 – How to Obtain a CLIA Certificate of Waiver

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CLIA/downloads/HowObtainCertificateofWaiver.pdf>

**CLIA UPDATE – December 2005 Division of Laboratory Services
Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services**

ENROLLMENT	Number of Labs	Number of POLs
Laboratories Registered (Exempt/Non-Exempt):	194,734	105,914
Laboratories Registered (Non-Exempt Only):	188,741	104,409

By Certificate Type (Non-Exempt only)

Compliance (CMS Surveys):	20,480	13,545
Waiver:	113,445	52,632
Provider Performed Microscopy:	39,209	32,388
Accreditation:	15,607	5,844

CLIA EXEMPT STATES	Number of Labs
New York	2,931
Washington	3,062

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CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION BY ORGANIZATION

(Non-Exempt only)

	Number of Labs*
COLA	6,256
College of American Pathologists	5,229
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations	3,127
American Osteopathic Association	49
AABB	219
American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics	128

*The above data represents labs whose membership with the accreditation organization has been confirmed. Some labs are accredited by more than one organization.

Source: CMS CLIA Data Base
