



Texas Association for Clinical Laboratory Science

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Texas Association for Clinical Laboratory Science is working with the Texas Department of State Health Services to determine the number of clinical laboratory personnel in the State and to determine if there is or will be a shortage of clinical laboratory personnel. We are gathering information about the number and certification types for laboratory testing personnel who are currently employed in the state, the estimated average age of laboratory staff, the approximate numbers who may be retiring or leaving the field in the next five years, and current vacancies in hospital laboratories. This information is critical for planning by the state and other organizations and the information isn't available from any other source. The information will be reported in aggregate so Individual laboratories or facilities will not be identified.

Attached is the survey. Please complete the questions and email it to me or you may print it out and FAX it to me at 361-825-3719. If you have questions call me at 361-825-2473 or email me at cthomp@falcon.tamucc.edu. Thanks for your help.

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Name of hospital

For all of the questions, when I refer to laboratory testing personnel, I am interested in medical technologist, clinical laboratory scientists, medical laboratory technicians, or clinical specialists such as microbiologists. We are not collecting data on cytotechnologists, histotechnologists, laboratory assistants, non-testing personnel or phlebotomists. Please include laboratory managers, supervisors, etc. who are clinical laboratory personnel. Retirement and vacancies in those positions will most likely be filled by current testing personnel and will contribute to a future personnel shortage.

- 1. How many beds does your hospital have?**
- 2. How many annual billable tests?**
- 3. Not counting employees who ONLY perform CLIA-waved or Provider Performed Microscopy procedures, what is the total number of employees that perform laboratory tests at your institution?**
- 4. What is the total number of medical technologists or the equivalent who are either ASCP, AMT or NCA certified?**
- 5. What is the total number of medical laboratory technicians or equivalent who are either ASCP, AMT or NCA certified?**
- 6. What is the number of laboratory personnel certified by other agencies such as AAB or HEW?**
- 7. What is the number of laboratory testing personnel not certified by any national agency?**
- 8. What is the total number of laboratory testing personnel vacancies you have now?**
- 9. What is the total number of laboratory testing personnel vacancies you have unfilled for over 12 months?**
- 10. Have long term vacancies caused a loss of FTE's in your laboratory budget in the last two years?**
- 11. What is your estimate of the total number of laboratory testing personnel who may retire or leave the profession in the next 5 years?**
- 12. What is the estimated average age of your laboratory testing personnel?**