Finding Reliable Clinical Laboratories

In order to process human samples (like blood), laboratories must be certified to do so. The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) regulations include federal standards applicable to all U.S. facilities or sites that test human specimens to diagnose, prevent, or treat disease. The use of FDA-cleared antibody tests at a CLIA-certified laboratory is recommended for the diagnosis of Lyme disease.

Finding a Certified Laboratory
To look for a certified laboratory visit https://qcor.cms.gov/main.jsp or scan the QR code.

Follow these steps:

1. First, agree to the terms on the site.
2. Click the upper left-hand corner where it says “CLIA Laboratory Lookup.”
3. Enter a laboratory name, city, zip code, etc.
4. You will then see a list of certified laboratories.

Finding Information on Tests
If there is a particular laboratory test you have heard about and want more information on, ask your clinician. They can help determine whether that test is right for you.

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