

Commissioner Corner, November 2022

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**Q: How often should the cutoff for flow cytometric crossmatch and/or solid phase antibody assays be evaluated?**

**A:** Each laboratory should establish their routine for periodic evaluations of cutoffs for their crossmatch and antibody assays, but at the minimum and according to **ASHI Standard D.5.2.9.2**, any significant change in protocol, reagent or instrumentation requires a re-evaluation of the positive cutoffs, for instance, with new lots of reagents.

**Q: In ASHI Application under Personnel** - Are all laboratory personnel, including those who do not perform clinical testing, such as quality coordinators, laboratory assistants, research scientists, etc., required to be entered into the Personnel List in the Learning Builder application?

**A:** No, for the purpose of the application and accreditation, according to the corresponding ASHI standards, laboratories are only required to list individuals fulfilling the following roles: Laboratory Director (**E.2.1**), Technical Director (**E.3.1**), Clinical Consultant (**E.4.1**), General Supervisor (**E.5.1**) and Testing Personnel (**E.6.1**).

**Q: In the ASHI Application under Proficiency Testing** - Should laboratories upload documentation of review, explanation and corrective action, as appropriate, for non-graded (NG) PT results?

**A:** Yes, according to **ASHI Standard C.2.3**, laboratories must review, evaluate, and document an explanation of the cause for results that are not in concordance with  $\geq 60\%$  of participants.