

Welcome to the National TB Laboratory Services Survey co-sponsored by the Association of Public Health Laboratories and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This survey is being distributed to public health, clinical and commercial laboratories with the primary goal of characterizing the TB testing capabilities and capacities of US diagnostic laboratories. Ultimately the results of this survey will be used to identify opportunities to strengthen TB systems nationally and in local jurisdictions.

The survey consists of 115 questions divided into 11 different categories. Respondents will be routed based on the level of TB services they provide, therefore very few laboratories will be directed to all 115 questions.

We ask that you complete this survey by \_\_\_\_\_. All laboratories that complete the survey will receive a summary of the aggregate data. Please direct any subject matter questions to APHL Manager of HIV, Hepatitis, STD and TB Programs, Kelly Wroblewski at [kelly.wroblewski@aphl.org](mailto:kelly.wroblewski@aphl.org). If you have technical issues with the electronic survey tool please contact APHL's Research Specialist, Doug McNamara at [doug.mcnamara@aphl.org](mailto:doug.mcnamara@aphl.org).

Thank you in advance for your assistance in making this survey a success.

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### Demographics (Questions 1-6)

#### Q1. Which laboratory type best describes your facility?

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Hospital-based clinical laboratory .....
- Non-hospital based clinical laboratory .....
- Commercial laboratory .....
- Department-of-Defense Laboratory .....
- State Public Health Laboratory .....
- Local (City or county) Public Health Laboratory .....

#### Q2. Is your facility part of a hospital/ health-care network?

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....
- No .....

#### Q3. What is the approximate number of beds in your facility?

WRITE IN ANSWER WITHIN THE RANGE 0 – 20000

#### Q4. How many days per week is your AFB Laboratory open for operation?

WRITE IN ANSWER WITHIN THE RANGE 1 – 7

#### Q5. How many hours per operating day is your AFB Laboratory open for operation?

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- 24 hours .....
- 10-12 hours .....
- 8-9 hours .....
- Other, (Please write in) .....

**Q6. Please select the accreditations that your laboratory holds?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) .....
- College of American Pathologists (CAP) .....
- Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) .....
- Other, (Please write in) \_\_\_\_\_ .....

**Testing Methodologies and Volume (Questions 7-45)**

**Q7. Does your laboratory perform or refer the following AFB services:**

**(Indicate the response for the primary practice in each category.)**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	The service is performed in-house	Specimens are referred to another laboratory for this service	This service is not available in-house or by referral
Acid-Fast Smear Microscopy .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Direct Detection (NAAT, PCR, direct HPLC, etc.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
AFB Culture .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex Identification .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Culture Based DST for <i>M. tuberculosis</i> isolates for first-line drugs .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Culture Based DST for <i>M. tuberculosis</i> isolates for second-line drugs .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**Q8. How many days per week do you routinely perform AFB smears?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- 7 days a week .....  1
- 6 days a week .....  2
- 5 days a week .....  3
- 4 days a week .....  4
- 3 days a week .....  5
- Only as needed/requested .....  6

**Q9. Approximately, how many smears per week does your laboratory process?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Less than 5 .....  1
- 6-14 .....  2
- 15-25 .....  3
- 26-50 .....  4
- 51-100 .....  5
- More than 100 .....  6

**Q10. Does your laboratory perform direct smear microscopy (smear on unprocessed respiratory specimens)?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes, we always perform direct smear microscopy .....  1
- We occasionally perform direct smear microscopy .....  2
- We never perform direct smear microscopy .....  3

**Q11. What primary staining method is used for acid-fast smear microscopy of clinical specimens?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Fluorochrome-Auramine O .....  1
- Fluorochrome-Auramine/Rhodamine .....  2
- Kinyoun .....  3
- Ziehl-Neelsen .....  4
- Other .....  5

**Q12. In your laboratory, approximately what percentage of AFB smears processed within the last year were positive for acid fast bacilli?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Less than 1% .....  1
- 1-5 % .....  2
- 6-10 % .....  3
- 11-25 % .....  4
- 26-40 % .....  5
- 41-50 % .....  6
- 51-60% .....  7
- More than 60% .....  8

**Q13. In your laboratory which of the following specimens types are received for Direct Detection of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Complex (e.g. NAAT, PCR, direct HPLC)?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Smear positive respiratory specimens routinely .....  1
- Smear positive respiratory specimens by request only .....  2
- Smear negative respiratory specimens routinely .....  3
- Smear negative respiratory specimens by request only .....  4
- Smear positive non-respiratory specimens .....  5
- Smear negative non-respiratory specimens .....  6

**Q14. What is the primary direct detection method performed by your laboratory?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Gen-Probe Amplified MTD .....  1
- Roche Amplicor MTB .....  2
- Cepheid® GeneXpert MTB/RIF assay .....  3
- Innogenetics® INNOLiPA Mycobacteria assay .....  4
- Hain® GenoType® assays .....  5
- Autogenomics Infiniti MDR-TB assay .....  6
- Akonni TruArray MDR-TB test .....  7
- Direct HPLC .....  8
- Laboratory developed real-time PCR .....  9
- Laboratory developed conventional PCR .....  10
- Other .....  11

**Q15. What is the average monthly specimen volume of Direct Detection tests performed by your laboratory?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- 1-5 .....  1
- 6-10 .....  2
- 11-15 .....  3
- 16-25 .....  4
- 26-50 .....  5
- 51-75 .....  6
- 76-100 .....  7
- More than 100 .....  8

**Q16. Under what circumstances does your laboratory test for nucleic acid amplification inhibitors?**

**(Choose the best answer.)**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Routinely for smear positives that are negative by NAAT. ....  1
- Routinely on all NAAT negative specimens. ....  2
- Routinely on all specimens. ....  3
- Inhibitors are tested for periodically as a Quality Assurance Measure .....  4
- Inhibitors are tested by special request only .....  5
- My laboratory never tests for inhibitors .....  6
- Assay utilized has amplification control included .....  7

**Q17. Which broth-based culture system is primarily used in your laboratory for the isolation of mycobacteria from respiratory specimens?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Bactec 460TB (radiometric) .....  1
- Versa TREK .....  2
- MB/BacT-Alert .....  3
- BACTEC MGIT- 960 .....  4
- Manual MGIT .....  5
- SeptiChek .....  6
- Manual 7H9 broth .....  7
- Other .....  8
- None. Broth-based culture is not used in my laboratory. ....  9

**Q18. Under what circumstances do you use solid media for primary culturing of AFB from clinical respiratory specimens?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Always (almost always) .....  1
- Smear positive specimens only .....  2
- Only in special circumstances .....  3
- Not routinely (almost never) .....  4

**Q19. What is the average number of specimens per week that are set up for culture of AFB in your laboratory? (Please do not include AFB blood cultures)**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Less than 5 .....  1
- 5-9 .....  2
- 10-15 .....  3
- 16-20 .....  4
- 21-30 .....  5
- 31-40 .....  6
- 41-100 .....  7
- 101-250 .....  8
- 251-500 .....  9
- More than 500 .....  10

**Q20. What is the primary method used to identify isolates of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex in your laboratory?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Biochemicals .....  1
- HPLC .....  2
- Gen-Probe® - The AccuProbe® System: Mycobacterial Identification .....  3
- Genetic sequencing .....  4
- Laboratory developed real-time PCR assay .....  5
- PRA (PCR/RFLP) .....  6
- HAIN® GenoType Mtb assays .....  7
- AutoGenomics - INFINITI® Analyzer .....  8
- Akonni - TruDiagnosis Systems .....  9
- Bactec 460 NAP test .....  10
- Innogenetics® InnoLipa Mycobacteria .....  11
- Laboratory developed conventional PCR .....  12
- Other .....  13

**Q21. What other secondary or confirmatory methods are used for identification of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex in your laboratory?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Biochemicals .....  1
- HPLC .....  2
- Gen-Probe® - The AccuProbe® System: Mycobacterial Identification .....  3
- Genetic sequencing .....  4
- Laboratory developed real-time PCR assay .....  5
- PRA (PCR/RFLP) .....  6
- HAIN® GenoType Mtb assays .....  7
- AutoGenomics - INFINITI® Analyzer .....  8
- Akonni - TruDiagnosis Systems .....  9
- Bactec 460 NAP test .....  10
- Innogenetics® InnoLipa Mycobacteria .....  11
- Laboratory developed conventional PCR .....  12
- Referral to outside laboratory .....  13
- None, other confirmatory methods are not used in my laboratory. ....  14

**Q22. Please indicate the selection that most closely fits the culture identification algorithm in your laboratory.**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- We only identify growth as acid-fast bacilli present. ....  1
- We identify as acid-fast bacilli, and differentiate *M. tuberculosis* complex from nontuberculosis mycobacteria (NTM). ....  2
- We identify *M. tuberculosis* complex, and some common NTM (eg. *M. kansasii*, *M. avium*, etc.) whenever possible. ....  3
- We identify *M. tuberculosis* complex, and most NTM. ....  4
- We identify *M. tuberculosis* complex, NTM, and have the capability to identify *M. bovis* and *M. bovis* BCG within the *M. tuberculosis* complex. ....  5

**Q23. In your laboratory, are culture identification procedures (e.g., Accuprobe, HPLC, etc.) typically:**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Batched .....  1
- Batched but also performed as soon as possible on special request .....  2
- Started as soon as possible after a positive AFB culture is detected .....  3

**Q24. On average, how many days per week are *Mycobacteria* identification tests conducted?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- 5-7 days .....  1
- 4 days .....  2
- 3 days .....  3
- 2 days .....  4
- 1 day .....  5
- Less than 1 day per week .....  6

**Q25. In your laboratory, approximately what percentage of mycobacterial cultures processed within the last year were positive for *M. tuberculosis* complex?**

**(Please do not include AFB blood cultures.)**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Less than 1% .....  1
- 1-5 % .....  2
- 6-10 % .....  3
- 11-25 % .....  4
- 26-40 % .....  5
- 41-50 % .....  6
- 51-60% .....  7
- More than 60% .....  8

**Q26. In your laboratory, approximately what percentage of mycobacterial cultures processed within the last year were positive for NTM?**

**(Please do not include AFB blood cultures.)**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Less than 1% .....  1
- 1-3 % .....  2
- 4-6 % .....  3
- 7-10 % .....  4
- 11-20 % .....  5
- 21-30 % .....  6
- More than 30% .....  7

**Q27. What type of Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) does your laboratory perform?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Direct (from smear positive clinical specimen) only .....  1
- Indirect (from positive culture) only .....  2
- Direct and Indirect .....  3

**Q28. In the last year, what was the average number of *M. tuberculosis* isolates set up for first-line drug susceptibility testing each month?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Less than 1 .....  1
- 1-5 .....  2
- 6-10 .....  3
- 11-15 .....  4
- 16-20 .....  5
- 21-25 .....  6
- 26-30 .....  7
- 31-40 .....  8
- 41-50 .....  9
- 51-100 .....  10
- More than 100 .....  11

**Q29. What methods does your laboratory use for first-line drug susceptibility testing?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Agar proportion .....  1
- BACTEC 460 TB .....  2
- BACTEC MGIT 960 .....  3
- Manual MGIT .....  4
- Versa TREK .....  5
- Etest .....  6
- Molecular Method .....  7
- Other .....  8

**Q30. Which is the primary method for first-line drug susceptibility testing?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Agar proportion .....  1
- BACTEC 460 TB .....  2
- BACTEC MGIT 960 .....  3
- Manual MGIT .....  4
- Versa TREK .....  5
- Etest .....  6
- Molecular Method .....  7
- Other .....  8

**Q31. Which drugs are included in your first-line drug susceptibility panel?****(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Isoniazid .....  1  
 Rifampin .....  2  
 Pyrazinamide .....  3  
 Ethambutol .....  4  
 Streptomycin .....  5  
 Ciprofloxacin .....  6  
 Ofloxacin .....  7  
 Moxifloxacin .....  8  
 Levofloxacin .....  9  
 Other .....  10

**Q32. How does your laboratory confirm first-line drug resistance?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Refer to another laboratory .....  1  
 Confirm in-house by repeating the original method .....  2  
 Confirm in-house using a different method .....  3  
 Confirm in-house and refer to another laboratory .....  4  
 Our laboratory does not confirm resistance .....  5  
 Unsure .....  6

**Q33. In your laboratory, when resistance to first-line drugs is detected, typically how soon is the isolate tested (in-house or referred) for susceptibility to second-line drugs?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Concurrently with first-line testing when a high clinical suspicion for resistance exists ....  1  
 As soon as first-line drug resistance is initially detected .....  2  
 As soon as first-line drug resistance is confirmed through additional testing .....  3  
 Other .....  4

**Q34. Which of these hypothetical first-line drug susceptibility results would prompt testing (in-house or referred) to second-line drugs?****(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Isolate resistant to rifampin only .....  1  
 Isolate resistant to both rifampin and isoniazid .....  2  
 Isolate resistant to rifampin and another first-line drug (not isoniazid) .....  3  
 Isolate resistant to any two first-line drugs .....  4  
 By request only .....  5  
 Second-line testing always performed concurrently with first-line panel .....  6  
 Unsure .....  7

**Q35. What methods does your laboratory use for second-line drug susceptibility testing?****(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Agar proportion .....  1  
 BACTEC 460 TB .....  2  
 BACTEC MGIT 960 .....  3  
 Manual MGIT .....  4  
 Versa TREK .....  5  
 Etest .....  6  
 Molecular method .....  7  
 Other .....  8

**Q36. What method does your laboratory primarily use for second-line drug susceptibility testing?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Agar proportion .....  1  
 BACTEC 460 TB .....  2  
 BACTEC MGIT 960 .....  3  
 Manual MGIT .....  4  
 Versa TREK .....  5  
 Etest .....  6  
 Molecular method .....  7  
 Other .....  8

**Q37. Which drugs are included in your second-line drug susceptibility panel?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- High Level isoniazid .....  1
- High level ethambutol .....  2
- Streptomycin .....  3
- Ciprofloxacin .....  4
- Ofloxacin .....  5
- Moxifloxacin .....  6
- Levofloxacin .....  7
- Rifabutin .....  8
- Capreomycin .....  9
- Kanamycin .....  10
- Amikacin .....  11
- Ethionamide .....  12
- Para-aminosalicylic acid .....  13
- Cycloserine .....  14
- Clofazamine .....  15
- Linezolid .....  16
- Imipenem .....  17
- Other .....  18

**Q38. How does your laboratory confirm second-line drug resistance?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Refer to another laboratory .....  1
- Confirm in-house by repeating the original method .....  2
- Confirm in-house using a different method .....  3
- Confirm in-house and refer to another laboratory .....  4
- Our laboratory does not confirm second line drug resistance .....  5

**Q39. Which type of IGRA does your laboratory perform?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- QuantiFERON-TB Gold (Celestis) .....  1
- QuantiFERON-TB Gold In-Tube (Cellestis) .....  2
- T-SPOT.TB (Oxford Immunotec) .....  3
- Unsure .....  4

**Q40. Does your laboratory report numerical values for IGRA results?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2
- Unsure .....  3

**Q41. Does your laboratory perform testing for the molecular detection of mutations associated with drug resistance (mol-DR) for *M. tuberculosis* complex?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No, clinical specimens are referred for mol-DR .....  2
- No, culture isolates are referred for mol-DR .....  3
- No, clinical specimens and culture isolates are referred for mol-DR .....  4
- No, mol-DR is not available in-house or through referral .....  5

**Q42. Which assay does your laboratory perform for mol-DR?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Conventional DNA sequencing .....  1
- Pyrosequencing .....  2
- Cepheid® GeneXpert MTB/RIF Assay .....  3
- Innogenetics® INNO-LiPA Rif.TB .....  4
- Hain® GenoType MTBDRplus .....  5
- Autogenomics Infiniti MDR-TB assay .....  6
- Akonn TruArray MDR-TB test .....  7
- Laboratory developed real-time PCR .....  8
- Other .....  9



**Q43. Does your laboratory perform mol-DR on the following?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Direct Specimens, but not isolates .....  1
- Isolates, but not direct specimens .....  2
- Both direct specimens and isolates .....  3

**Q44. What is the average monthly testing volume (specimens and/or isolates) for mol-DR in your laboratory?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Less than 1 .....  1
- 1-5 .....  2
- 6-10 .....  3
- 11-15 .....  4
- 16-20 .....  5
- 21-25 .....  6
- 26-30 .....  7
- 31-40 .....  8
- 41-50 .....  9
- 51-100 .....  10
- More than 100 .....  11

**Q45. For which of the following gene mutations associated with resistance to antituberculosis drugs is molecular testing performed (in-house or referred testing)?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- rpoB* .....  1
- inhA* .....  2
- katG* .....  3
- embB* .....  4
- pncA* .....  5
- gyrA* .....  6
- tlyA* .....  7
- rrs* .....  8
- eis* .....  9
- Other .....  10
- Unsure .....  11

**Referral Strategies (Question 46-57)**

**Q46. Does your laboratory routinely refer any of the following to another laboratory for AFB testing?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Yes, send specimens .....  1
- Yes, send positive culture .....  2
- Yes, send isolates .....  3
- No .....  4

**Q47. To which laboratory(ies) do you refer AFB specimens, cultures and/or isolates?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Regional or National Commercial Reference Laboratory .....  1
- Clinical (Hospital) Laboratory Within our State .....  2
- Clinical (Hospital) Laboratory Outside of our State .....  3
- State Public Health Laboratory within our state .....  4
- City or County Public Health Laboratory within our jurisdiction .....  5
- Other State Public Health Laboratory (outside of our state) .....  6
- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention .....  7

**Q48. You indicated that you refer specimens and/or isolates to a referral laboratory. Approximately what is the distance between your primary referral laboratory and your laboratory?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Less than 10 miles .....  1
- 11-25 miles .....  2
- 26-60 miles .....  3
- More than 60 miles .....  4

**Q49. For which AFB testing or services does your laboratory refer specimens or isolates to your state or local public health laboratory (PHL)?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Do not refer to the state or local PHL .....  1
- Refer unprocessed patient specimens for smear and culture .....  2
- Perform smears in house and refer specimens for culture .....  3
- Process specimens, inoculate media and refer for incubation .....  4
- Refer positive cultures for identification .....  5
- Refer NTM isolates only for identification .....  6
- Refer isolates for first-line drug susceptibility testing .....  7
- Refer isolates for second-line drug susceptibility testing .....  8
- Refer specimens for NAAT or other molecular detection .....  9
- Refer specimens/isolates for molecular detection of mutations associated with drug resistance .....  10
- Refer isolates to the state or local PHL to comply with state law/requirements or on request .....  11
- Refer specimens for IGRA .....  12
- Refer isolates of *Mycobacteria tuberculosis* for genotyping .....  13

**Q50. You indicated that you do not refer specimens or isolates to your state or local PHL. Why not?**

**(Select up to 3 choices.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Turn-around-time issues .....  1
- Customer service issues .....  2
- Cost of services .....  3
- Communication issues .....  4
- Billing (business practices)? .....  5
- Specimen shipping/transport .....  6
- Monday – Friday work schedule .....  7
- Menu of services does not include DST .....  8
- Menu of services does not include NAAT or Direct Detection .....  9
- Results are not reliable .....  10
- PHL does not accept specimens .....  11
- Our laboratory has contractual obligations with a different referral laboratory .....  12
- Availability of electronic accessioning/reporting .....  13
- Other .....  14

**Q51. Does your laboratory monitor the turnaround time of your referral laboratory(s)?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No, never .....  2

**Q52. Are you generally satisfied with the turnaround times produced by your referral laboratory from specimen receipt to reporting of . . .**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	Yes	No	Not Applicable
AFB Smear Results (24hours)? ...	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Identification of <i>M. tuberculosis</i> complex (21 days)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Drug Susceptibility Testing Results for <i>M. tb</i> complex (28 days)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**Q53. Does your referral laboratory notify the following entities with the following results?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	Smear Positive form AFB	Culture positive for AFB	Positive Mtb Identification	Drug resistance detected	Unsure
Clinical Care Provider .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Original Submitting Laboratory.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
State or Local Health Department (TB Control) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**Q54. In addition to your laboratory, who receives reports (either written or electronic) from your referral laboratory?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Ordering Clinical Care Provider (physician, clinic, etc) .....  1
- Original submitting laboratory .....  2
- State or Local Health Department (TB control) .....  3
- State, County or City Public Health Laboratory .....  4
- Unsure .....  5
- No other entity receives reports from our referral laboratory .....  6

**Q55. Does your laboratory receive referred specimens or isolates for any AFB testing?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Yes, receive specimens .....  1
- Yes, receive isolates .....  2
- Yes, receive positive culture .....  3
- No .....  4

**Q56. What Mycobacteriology reference services do you provide for other laboratories in house?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Smear .....  1
- Direct Detection (e.g NAAT) to identify *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex .....  2
- Mycobacterium culture .....  3
- Identification of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex only .....  4
- Identification of frequently encountered NTMs. ....  5
- Identification of all Mycobacterium spp. ....  6
- Confirmation of Mycobacterium identification .....  7
- First-line drug susceptibility testing .....  8
- Second-line drug susceptibility testing .....  9
- Confirmation of Drug Resistance .....  10
- Molecular testing for mutations associated with drug resistance .....  11
- Genotyping .....  12
- Other .....  13

**Q57. From whom does your laboratory primarily receive specimens, cultures, and/or isolates?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Public health clinics .....  1
- In state hospitals .....  2
- Out of state hospitals .....  3
- Physician offices .....  4
- Public health laboratories .....  5
- Indian health services .....  6
- Commercial laboratories .....  7
- Corrections (Jails and prisons) .....  8
- Military hospitals .....  9
- VA hospitals .....  10
- Refugee health services .....  11
- International settings .....  12
- Immigration Services .....  13
- Other .....  14

**Specimen Collection, Handling and Transport (Questions 58-60)**

**Q58. In what format(s) is your laboratory’s manual of services (information on available tests, specimen collection and handling) available to your clients?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Electronically only .....  1
- Hard Copy only .....  2
- Both electronically and in hard copy .....  3
- We do not provide a manual of services to our clients .....  4

**Q59. What is the maximum transport time that your laboratory allows before a specimen will be rejected (date of collection to date of receipt)?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- 0 - 24 hours .....  1
- 24 -47 hours .....  2
- 48 -71 hours .....  3
- 3 days –1 week .....  4
- 8 days –1 month .....  5
- Our laboratory does not have a rejection policy for maximum transport time .....  6

**Q60. What is the single biggest obstacle to the timely transport of specimens to your laboratory?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- We have no obstacles .....  1
- Lack of courier/ carrier service .....  2
- Frequency of courier/ carrier service (e.g. courier/ carrier picks up specimens at infrequent intervals) .....  3
- Cost of courier/ carrier service .....  4
- Unreliable courier/ carrier service (e.g. courier/ carrier does not always show up when scheduled) .....  5
- Batching of specimens prior to transport (e.g. test requestors batch multiple specimens before sending them to the laboratory) .....  6
- Other .....  7

**Turn-around-Times (Questions 61-67)**

**Q61. Does your laboratory monitor turn-around-times for:**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Specimen collection to receipt .....  1
- Specimen receipt to reporting of AFB smear results .....  2
- Specimen receipt to reporting of Direct Detection Results .....  3
- Specimen receipt to reporting of *M. tuberculosis* complex identification results from culture .....  4
- Specimen receipt to reporting of *M. tuberculosis* complex drug susceptibility results .....  5
- We do not routinely monitor turn-around times .....  6

**Q62. What percentage of clinical specimens does your laboratory receive for Mycobacteriology testing within 1 calendar day of specimen collection?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- 0-9% .....  1
- 10-19% .....  2
- 20-29% .....  3
- 30-39% .....  4
- 40-49% .....  5
- 50-59% .....  6
- 60-69% .....  7
- 70-79% .....  8
- 80-89% .....  9
- 90-100% .....  10

**Q63. What percentage of clinical specimens for Mycobacteriology testing are received 3 or more days after collection?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- 0-9% .....  1
- 10-19% .....  2
- 20-29% .....  3
- 30-39% .....  4
- 40-49% .....  5
- 50-59% .....  6
- 60-69% .....  7
- 70-79% .....  8
- 80-89% .....  9
- 90-100% .....  10

**Q64. In your laboratory, what percentage of AFB smear microscopy results are reported to the provider within 24 hours of specimen receipt?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- 0-9% .....  1
- 10-19% .....  2
- 20-29% .....  3
- 30-39% .....  4
- 40-49% .....  5
- 50-59% .....  6
- 60-69% .....  7
- 70-79% .....  8
- 80-89% .....  9
- 90-100% .....  10

**Q65. In your laboratory, what percentage of *M. tuberculosis* complex Direct Detection results are reported to the provider within. . .**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	0-9%	10-19%	20-29%	30-39%	40-49%	50-59%	60-69%	70-79%	80-89%	90-100%
48 hours of specimen receipt? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
72 hours of specimen receipt (response should include % reported within 48 hours (i.e., cumulative))?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Q66. What percent of *M. tuberculosis* complex does your laboratory identify from culture of clinical specimens (e.g., sputum) within. . .**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	0-9%	10-19%	20-29%	30-39%	40-49%	50-59%	60-69%	70-79%	80-89%	90-100%
14 days of specimen receipt? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
21 days of specimen receipt (response should include % identified within 14 days (i.e., cumulative))?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
28 days of specimen receipt (response should include % identified within 21 days (i.e., cumulative))?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Q67. What percent of *M. tuberculosis* complex first-line drug susceptibility testing results does your laboratory report from clinical specimens (e.g., sputum) within. . .**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	0-9%	10-19%	20-29%	30-39%	40-49%	50-59%	60-69%	70-79%	80-89%	90-100%
28 days of specimen receipt? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
35 days of specimen receipt (response should include % reported within 28 days (i.e., cumulative))?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Reporting Practices (Questions 68-72)**

**68. Does your laboratory have the capability to report results electronically to the:**  
SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- State or Local Public Health Department only .....  1
- Clinical Care Provider only .....  2
- Both to State or Local Public Health Department and to Clinical Care Provider .....  3
- Laboratory does not have electronic reporting capability .....  4

**Q69. To whom do you report positive test results for AFB smear, Direct Detection and/or culture?**  
**(Check all that apply.)**  
SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Health care provider .....  1
- State or Local Health Department (TB Controller) .....  2
- Infection Control .....  3
- Submitting Laboratory .....  4
- Nursing Floor .....  5

**Q70. Which of the following are considered “critical values” (i.e. For which values do you expedite notification) in your laboratory?**  
**(Check all that apply.)**  
SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Positive AFB smear .....  1
- Positive TB culture .....  2
- Direct Detection positive for *M. tuberculosis* complex .....  3
- Drug resistant TB .....  4
- Multi-drug resistant TB .....  5
- None .....  6

**Q71. What is the primary way your laboratory reports critical values (expedited notification) to the state or local public health department and the clinician?**  
SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	Phone	Fax	Email	Electronically through Laboratory Information Management System – reports delivered automatically	Postal mail – LIMS reports delivered via mail	Postal mail – report generated by hand not through LIMS	Web-based reporting tool	We never report results to this entity	
State or Local Public Health Department .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	
Test requestor .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	r

**Q72. Do you notify the submitter when drug resistance is suspected by preliminary test results (e.g. the initial DST results suggest Rifampin resistance and confirmatory test results are underway)?**  
SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes as soon as resistance is suspected. ....  1
- No, not until resistance is confirmed. ....  2

**Laboratory Staff and Training (Question 73-85)**

**Q73. Does your Mycobacteriology staff consist of the following:**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	Yes	No
Staff that work in Mycobacteriology only .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Staff that work in Mycobacteriology and other areas of Microbiology .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Staff that work in areas of the laboratory other than Microbiology that are cross-trained to perform AFB processing.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

**Q74. How many Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) are in each of the following staffing categories in your laboratory?**

WRITE IN ANSWER WITHIN THE RANGE 0 - 255

**Q74. How many Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) are in each of the following staffing categories in your laboratory?**

Staff that work in Mycobacteriology only .....	<input type="text"/>
Staff that work in Mycobacteriology and other areas of Microbiology .....	<input type="text"/>
Staff that are cross-trained to perform AFB processing or testing .....	<input type="text"/>

**Q75. What is the average number of years of professional, diagnostic Mycobacteriology experience of the current staff in your laboratory?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Less than 1 year .....  1  
 1-5 years .....  2  
 6-10 years .....  3  
 11-20 years .....  4  
 More than 20 years .....  5

**Q76. Have you experienced staff shortages for Mycobacteriology within the last 12 months?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1  
 No .....  2

**Q77. Have those shortages resulted in a decrease in AFB services or an increase in turnaround times?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1  
 No .....  2  
 Unsure .....  3

**Q78. Has your laboratory experienced any obstacles in recruiting qualified staff to perform Mycobacteriology testing?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1  
 No .....  2

**Q79. What are the biggest obstacles in recruiting qualified staff to perform Mycobacteriology testing?**

**(Select up to 3 choices.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Individuals in the applicant pool lack professional experience .....  1
- Individuals in the applicant pool lack certification .....  2
- Inability of your institution to offer competitive salary .....  3
- Individuals in the applicant pool are resistant to working with Mycobacteria .....  4
- Shortage of Medical Technologists or Clinical Laboratory Scientists .....  5
- Individuals in the applicant pool are resistant to working the needed shifts (2nd shift, 3rd shift, weekends) .....  6
- State licensing requirements .....  7
- Difficulty in hiring process .....  8
- Hiring freeze .....  9
- Other please specify (Please write in) \_\_\_\_\_ .....  10

**Q80. Has your laboratory experienced any obstacles in retaining qualified staff to perform Mycobacteriology testing?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2

**Q81. What are the biggest obstacles in retaining qualified staff in your laboratory to perform Mycobacteriology testing?**

**(Select up to 3 choices.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Inability to offer competitive salary .....  1
- Existing staff resistant to working with TB .....  2
- Retirement of experienced Mycobacteriology staff .....  3
- Ergonomic issues .....  4
- Occupational Health Issues .....  5
- Individuals in the applicant pool are resistant to working the needed shifts (2nd shift, 3rd shift, weekends) .....  6
- Lack of advancement opportunities .....  7
- Other (Please write in) \_\_\_\_\_ .....  8

**Q82. Choose which type of diagnostic Mycobacteriology training method your laboratory would be most interested in participating.**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Teleconference .....  1
- Webinar .....  2
- Correspondence course .....  3
- On-site training in your laboratory .....  4
- Workshop at an off-site location .....  5
- Wet laboratory .....  6
- Videotaped lectures .....  7
- Lectures on CD-Rom .....  8
- Self study (paper or web-based) .....  9

**Q83. What training topics are most relevant to those performing Mycobacteriology testing in your laboratory?**

**(Select up to 3 choices.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Biosafety .....  1
- AFB smears .....  2
- Direct Detection of Mycobacteria .....  3
- AFB Culture .....  4
- AFB Identification .....  5
- Drug Susceptibility Testing for Mycobacteria .....  6
- Interferon Gamma Release Assays .....  7
- Molecular Diagnostics .....  8
- QA/ QMS/ laboratory management .....  9
- TB public health issues/ epidemiology .....  10
- Other please specify (Please write in) \_\_\_\_\_ .....  11



**Q84. Did you provide Mycobacteriology training for other laboratories within the last year?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1  
 No .....  2

**Q85. Do you receive Mycobacteriology training from your State Public Health Laboratory?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1  
 No, training was offered but not attended .....  2  
 No, not aware of training opportunities .....  3  
 Unsure .....  4

**Safety Practices (Question 86 -92)**

**Q86. Has your laboratory performed a safety risk assessment at each stage of testing for mycobacteria (from specimen receipt to reporting)?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1  
 No .....  2  
 Unsure .....  3

**Q87. Does your laboratory require the following for new employees performing Mycobacteriology testing?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- A one-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test (TST) .....  1  
 A two-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test (TST) or an interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) .....  2  
 A medical evaluation, including a chest radiograph, if the TST or IGRA is positive .....  3  
 A medical evaluation as part of a respiratory fit testing program .....  4  
 None of the Above .....  5

**Q88. Does your laboratory require the following for all employees performing Mycobacteriology testing?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- At least annual tuberculin skin test (TST) or IGRA on tuberculin negative employees ....  1  
 A medical evaluation if the TST or IGRA converts to positive or if symptoms of tuberculosis are exhibited .....  2  
 Medical evaluation, follow-up, and counseling for any known exposure event or TST/IGRA conversion .....  3  
 Maintenance of a permanent record of skin testing or IGRA results .....  4  
 A periodic (at least annual) symptom review for individuals with a history of latent TB infection (LTBI) or prior tuberculosis .....  5  
 Annual fit testing if N-95 or N-100 respirators are used .....  6  
 None of the Above .....  7

**Q89. Which of the following types of respiratory protection, if any, are worn by laboratory staff performing Mycobacteriology testing and how frequently is each type of respiratory protection used?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	Routinely Used by Most Staff	Occasionally Used (in the case of spills or other special circumstances)	Never Used	Unsure
Surgical Mask.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
N-95 respirator with fit testing .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
N-95 respirator without fit testing..	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPR).....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**Q90. What is the BioSafety Level (BSL) of practices in your laboratory used for Mycobacteriology testing?**

**(Use the chart presented below as reference to answer this question.)**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- BSL1 .....  1  
 BSL 2 .....  2  
 BSL 3 .....  3  
 Unsure .....  4

**Q91. What is the BSL of primary barriers (i.e. safety equipment) in your laboratory used for Mycobacteriology testing?**

*(Use the chart presented below as reference to answer this question.)*

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- BSL 1 .....  1
- BSL 2 .....  2
- BSL 3 .....  3
- Unsure .....  4

**Q92. What is the BSL of secondary barriers (i.e. facilities) in your laboratory used for Mycobacteriology testing?**

*(Use the chart presented below as reference to answer this question.)*

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- BSL 1 .....  1
- BSL 2 .....  2
- BSL 3 .....  3
- Unsure .....  4

**Proficiency Testing and Quality Assurance (Questions 93-97)**

**Q93. Which external Mycobacteriology proficiency testing categories do you participate in?**

*(Check all that apply.)*

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Acid fast stain .....  1
- Mycobacteriology Culture .....  2
- Mycobacteriology Identification .....  3
- Mycobacteriology Drug Susceptibility Testing .....  4
- Mycobacteriology Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing .....  5
- Other .....  6

**Q94. Are you aware of the CDC Model Performance Evaluation Program (MPEP) program?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2

**Q95. What improvements, if any, can be made in Mycobacteriology Proficiency Testing programs?**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- My PT program meets my needs as it currently exists .....  1
- Make the challenges more difficult .....  2
- Decrease the cost of proficiency testing programs .....  3
- Increase the frequency of challenges .....  4
- Decrease the frequency of challenges .....  5
- Improve the specimen quality leading to more consistent results .....  6
- Increase the reporting options .....  7
- Make the challenges less time consuming .....  8
- Offer more assay or analyte options .....  9

**Q96. How are the results of proficiency tests used in your laboratory?**

*(Check all that apply.)*

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Compare your laboratory's performance with other laboratories .....  1
- Assess the performance of individual laboratorians .....  2
- Review and revise training and CE activities based on PT results .....  3
- Review and revise laboratory procedures/processes .....  4
- To comply with CLIA/CMS requirements .....  5

**Q97. Which of the following policies does your laboratory have in place?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Review and record the number of specimens rejected and the reason for rejections. ....  1
- Monitoring the resistance patterns of *M. tuberculosis* complex isolated in your laboratory .....  2
- Inoculate a negative control with each batch of cultures that are inoculated .....  3
- Monitor contamination rates by specimen .....  4
- Monitor contamination rates by individual media .....  5
- Confirm or ensure confirmation of drug resistance .....  6
- Maintain reference strains of Mycobacteria spp adequate for your QC procedures .....  7
- Limit the number of specimens submitted per patient .....  8
- To prevent cross contamination and false positives .....  9
- To detect cross contamination and false positives .....  10

**Public Health and Epidemiology (Questions 98-110)**

**Q98. Does your state provide/ fund a no or low cost courier system to transport AFB specimens or isolates to your state or local PHL?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- Yes, but with limited coverage .....  2
- No .....  3
- Unsure .....  4

**Q99. Under what circumstances does your laboratory communicate with other clinical, commercial, or other (non public health) laboratories regarding Mycobacteriology?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Reporting Laboratory Results .....  1
- Providing guidance for submission of specimens to or from your laboratory .....  2
- Providing guidance for interpretation of laboratory results .....  3
- Exchanging patient information .....  4
- Formal training/ education sessions about laboratory methodologies .....  5
- Unsure .....  6

**Q100. Does your state legally require the submission of an isolate of *M. tuberculosis* complex from all new TB cases to your State and/or Local Public Health Laboratory?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2
- Unsure .....  3
- N/A—we accept specimens from multiple states .....  4

**Q101. Please rate your satisfaction with your State or Local Public Health TB Laboratory for the following measures:**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Timeliness of results.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Expertise of Staff.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Cost of Services.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Accessibility.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Menu of Services.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Reliability of Results.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**Q102. Please rate your satisfaction with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's TB Laboratory for the following measures:**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE ACROSS.

	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Timeliness of results .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Expertise of Staff .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Accessibility .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Menu of Services .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Reliability of Results.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**Q103. Under what circumstances does your laboratory communicate with the state or local Public Health Department (TB Control Program)?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Reporting Positive Laboratory Results .....  1
- Providing guidance for interpretation of or problems with laboratory results .....  2
- Case and/ or Cohort Reviews .....  3
- Consultation concerning TB genotyping results .....  4
- To facilitate testing requests .....  5
- Research collaboration .....  6
- Unsure .....  7
- We do not communicate with the TB Control Program .....  8

**Q104. Under what circumstances does your laboratory communicate with the state or local Public Health Department (TB Control Program)?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Reporting Positive Laboratory Results .....  1
- Providing guidance for interpretation with laboratory results .....  2
- Case and/ or Cohort Reviews .....  3
- Consultation concerning TB genotyping results .....  4
- Formal training/ education sessions about laboratory tests .....  5
- Budgetary issues .....  6
- Grants and cooperative agreements .....  7
- To facilitate testing requests .....  8
- Research collaboration .....  9
- Unsure .....  10

**Q105. How would you characterize your relationship with the jurisdictional TB Control Program?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Very Strong .....  1
- Strong .....  2
- Weak .....  3
- Very Weak .....  4

**Q106. Under what circumstances does your TB laboratory communicate with other clinical, commercial, and/or public health laboratories within your jurisdiction?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Reporting Laboratory Results .....  1
- Providing guidance for submission or referral of specimens to or from your laboratory ...  2
- Providing guidance for interpretation of laboratory results .....  3
- Formal training/ education sessions about laboratory methodologies .....  4
- Laboratory inspection or regulatory visit .....  5
- Research collaboration .....  6
- Unsure .....  7

**Q107. Which of the following CDC TB laboratory services did your laboratory utilize in the past year?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Submitted isolates for the molecular detection of drug resistance .....  1
- Submitted isolates for drug susceptibility testing .....  2
- Submitted isolates for identification within the *M. tuberculosis* complex .....  3
- Contacted CDC for technical advice .....  4
- Training .....  5
- We have no knowledge of TB services offered by CDC .....  6
- None of the above .....  7

**Q108. Does your state legally require the submission of an isolate of *M. tuberculosis* complex from all new TB cases to your State and/or Local Public Health Laboratory?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2
- Unsure .....  3

**Q109. Does your state legally require laboratories to report the AFB smear positive, direct detection or isolation of *M. tuberculosis* complex for all new TB cases to Public Health Authorities?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2
- Unsure .....  3

**Q110. How are TB genotyping results used in your laboratory?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- Not used .....  1
- Genotyping results are only received and forwarded to TB Control Program .....  2
- Used for identification of potential false positives .....  3
- Used to provide laboratory developed report and/or consultation to TB Control Program .....  4
- Used to indicate species within *M. tuberculosis* complex .....  5
- Genotyping results are not received in the laboratory .....  6
- For QA/QC purposes .....  7
- Other .....  8

**Planning for the Future (Questions 111- 118)**

**Q111. In your laboratory, what are the biggest barriers when trying to do the following:**

**(Select up to 3 choices.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY PER LINE.

	No difficulties are experienced	Time required for validation s/ verification	Complex procurement system within your organization (it's difficult to purchase new equipment)	Lack of adequate staffing (staffing shortage)	Facilities/ Space Limitations	Staff skill-set does not permit	Lack of available FDA approved or cleared tests	No perceived customer need	Lack of management buy-in	Lack of available specimens for verifications/ validations	Cost of implementing new service or technology
Add new Mycobacteriology Services not already offered.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 11
Implement new Mycobacteriology assays or technologies.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 11

**Q112. Over the next 12 months does your laboratory plan (or anticipate) changes in the volume of testing performed in house?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Anticipate an increase in workload .....  1
- Anticipate a decrease in workload .....  2
- Anticipate no major change in workload .....  3
- Unsure .....  4

**Q113. You indicated that your laboratory is anticipating an increase in workload. Is this increase due to service consolidation within your network or geographic region?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2
- Unsure .....  3

**Q114. You indicated that your laboratory is anticipating a decrease in workload. Is this decrease due to service consolidation within your network or geographic region?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2
- Unsure .....  3

**Q115. Which of the following Mycobacteriology services is your laboratory considering adding?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- AFB Smear .....  1
- AFB Culture .....  2
- M. tuberculosis* complex identification .....  3
- NTM identification .....  4
- Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing for Direct Detection for TB .....  5
- Drug Susceptibility Testing (traditional method) .....  6
- Molecular Detection of Mutations Associated with Drug Resistance .....  7
- Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) .....  8
- Expanding identification capabilities/capacities .....  9
- Adding first-line drug susceptibility testing .....  10
- Adding a second method for confirmation of resistance for first-line drugs .....  11
- Adding second-line drug susceptibility testing .....  12
- Other .....  13
- Not considering adding new services .....  14

**Q116. Does your laboratory have any plans to eliminate Mycobacteriology services within the next 12 months or has your laboratory decreased services within the last 12 months?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2
- Unsure .....  3

**Q117. What services has/is your Mycobacteriology laboratory considering eliminating within the next 12 months or has your laboratory eliminated services within the last 12 months?**

**(Check all that apply.)**

SELECT ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

- There are no plans to eliminate services or no services have been eliminated .....  1
- AFB smears – direct (unconcentrated) .....  2
- AFB smears - concentrated .....  3
- AFB Culture .....  4
- AFB Identification .....  5
- Identification of NTM .....  6
- Drug Susceptibility Testing for Mycobacteria .....  7
- NAAT .....  8
- Other .....  9

**Q118. Does your laboratory have a Continuity of Operations plan to ensure the uninterrupted provision of TB laboratory services in the event of any unforeseen event that affects laboratory testing capability?**

SELECT ONE ANSWER ONLY.

- Yes .....  1
- No .....  2
- Unsure .....  3