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Cholesterol Reference Method Laboratory Network (CRMLN) members provide reference measurement services to laboratories and test manufacturers using [CDC's standardization protocols](#). Network laboratories can be associated with medical schools, state health departments, and nonprofit organizations. CRMLN members are encouraged to provide reference measurement services for total cholesterol, HDL-C, LDL-C, and total glycerides.

Non-government laboratories interested in joining CRMLN must provide CDC with documentation indicating support from the professional clinical community, or other appropriate organizations, in their country.

CRMLN member laboratories must be able to:

- Operate and maintain the reference measurement procedures used in CDC's Standardization Programs
- Participate in the biannual CRMLN studies
- Provide certification services to the clinical and research community for the analytes used in CDC's standardization programs, in compliance with the CDC standardization protocols
- Share reference measurement procedures with other network members

A candidate laboratory must submit an official request on laboratory letterhead to cdclsp@cdc.gov to apply for network membership. The request should state the analytes and reference methods the laboratory would like to provide certification services for, and documentation demonstrating their ability to perform the tasks outlined above. Questions related to membership can also be sent to cdclsp@cdc.gov.

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