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Collections & Medical Review Officer contract

Different Names, same Contract, same Services

In 2010, the Drug & Alcohol Testing Branch awarded the contract for collections and Medical Review Officer functions (among other line items) to Pembroke Occupational Health. In 2010, Pembroke Occupational Health [merged](#) with eScreen. Later, in 2012, Alere Toxicology [acquired](#) eScreen. Therefore, today, our collection and Medical Review Officer services contractor is known as [Alere eScreen](#). Despite the different company names and new branding, the contract awarded in 2010 is still in effect and the services provided remain the same.

Medical Review Officer (MRO) changes

From Dr. Fierro to Dr. Kracht

As many of you know, the delivery of physician reviewed results is the last step in the federal drug testing process. Official results are provided by the MRO, a certified physician trained to review federal drug testing results. Alere eScreen (our provider of MRO services) has recently informed the Drug & Alcohol Testing Branch that these MRO functions will transition this spring from Dr. Robert Fierro to Dr. Stephen Kracht. We will notify our customers via email message as we get closer to the transition.



Department of Transportation required training

Do your supervisors have employees with commercial driver's licenses?

According to Federal Regulation [49 CFR Part 382.603](#), supervisors of commercial motor vehicle drivers who operate vehicles requiring a commercial driver's license (CDL) must take two hours of initial training. The requirement includes 60 minutes of training on the symptoms of alcohol abuse and another 60 minutes of training on the symptoms of controlled substances use. The purpose of this training is to teach supervisors to identify circumstances and indicators that may create reasonable suspicion that a driver is using or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, supporting referral of an employee for testing.

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