



NEWSLETTER

Drug and Alcohol Testing Branch

Keeping Our Customers Connected

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Expanded Opioid Panel

HHS Mandatory Guidelines Updates

The [Division of Workplace Programs at SAMHSA](#) provided agencies with the option of routine testing for the expanded opioid panel starting October 1, 2017. In Q1 of FY 2019, IBC has reached back out to its customers who haven't transitioned to testing for semi-synthetic opioids to determine when/if they will update their panels. If your agency hasn't made the notification, please email IBCDrugTestingStaff@ibc.doi.gov to let us know about this change to your agency's lab testing profile.

Medical Review Officer (MRO) Duties

Who is the MRO?

The MRO is a currently licensed physician who reviews all positive, adulterated, rejected for testing, invalid, and (for urine) substituted test results that come from the laboratory. The MRO performs interviews with the donor and informs an agency of the final drug test result. See the [Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs](#) to read more about MRO responsibilities and requirements.

MRO Transition

Project started in Q2 of FY 2018

In FY 2018, IBC began transitioning its customers to a new MRO: Dr. Stephen Kracht in Kansas City, MO. IBC along with our vendor Abbott (previously known as Alere eScreen or Pembroke Occupational Health) are making this transition so you receive faster result determinations. Additionally, Dr. Kracht's team of MROs is larger and is able to handle a greater caseload. You will still be able to view the results in <http://doi.edrugtest.com> and billing remains the same. As of Q1 in FY 2019, half of IBC's customers have been transitioned to this new MRO.

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