



## World Health Organization

Quality and safety of blood are critical for patient care. Accreditation of blood banks using national standards is a step forward to ensure availability of safe blood.

WHO recognizes that accreditation plays an important part in the health, safety and well-being of the public. Critical decisions reliant on accurate tests are made hundreds of times each day throughout the world. Assurance that the test reports are reliable, that they conform to the requirements of the specific test, is supported by accreditation. WHO fully supports standards and accreditation as providing a framework for quality assurance and patient safety. WHO works with the national and international accreditation community to promote blood safety and reliability of laboratory tests.

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