Health Requirements for Private Medical Labs
1- Purpose:
- To insure commitment of all private medical labs with the public health requirements.
- To insure the implementation of unified health requirement in all private medical labs in the Emirate of Dubai.

2- Scope:
- The health requirement is applicable in all private medical labs in the Emirate of Dubai.

3- Responsibility:
1-3. Director of Public Health & Safety Department.
2-3. Head of Health Control Section.
4-3. Public Health Inspection Officer.
5-3. Assistant Public Health inspector.

4- Details of implementation:

4-1 Licenses:
4-1-1. A valid professional trade license issued from Department of Economic Development should be available.
4-1-2. Work permits for the medical staff.
4-1-3. The lab should comply with License Activity.

4-2 Premise:
4-2-1. The lab should be completely separated from other activities and it shouldn't be located inside the clinic.
4-2-2. Water source should be available with suitable basins.

4-3 Doctor in charge:
As per Dubai Health Authority instructions, the doctor in charge should be specialist doctor in Microbiology or Pathology.

4-4 Staff:
All the staff in the lab should wear uniforms during the working hours.
4-5 **Sterilization Machine:**  
Sterilization machine (Autoclave) should be available to sterilize the tools and equipments.

4-6 **Ventilation and lighting:**  
Sufficient ventilation and lighting system should be available with the presence of exhaust fan.

4-7 **Toilets:**  
Toilets should be maintained clean, with good ventilation and lighting.

4-8 **Medical waste treatment:**  
4-8-1. Not allowed to drain any chemicals to the main drain network.  
4-8-2. Contract with approved company by Dubai Municipality for medical waste disposal should be available.  
4-8-3. Medical waste should be kept in a special waste container as per Dubai Municipality requirements.

4-9 **Expiry date & storing:**  
4-9-1. Not allowed to use expired lab test kits.  
4-9-2. Lab kits should be kept in a suitable temperature and a thermometer should be available in the storing refrigerator.

4-10. **Liquid soap and hand sanitizers should be available. Gloves and masks must be worn during work.**

4-11. **Toilets should be provided with healthy practices signs about the correct practices that should be followed when giving specimen and using the special containers for this purpose. (Not allowed to use plastic cups)**