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Preface

This Standard was prepared by Standards Australia Committee HE-029, Clinical Laboratory Testing and *in vitro* Diagnostic Test Systems.

The objective of this Standard is to specify requirements and good practice recommendations for the collection, transport, receipt and handling of samples intended for medical laboratory examinations.

This Standard is applicable to medical services, not under the direct control of an accredited medical laboratory, involved in laboratory pre-examination processes that include the examination request, patient preparation and identification, sample collection, transport, receipt and storage. This Standard may also be applicable to some biobanks.

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