

# Medical laboratories: evidence categories

These services include medical laboratories that:

- only process and analyse samples
- have no interface with or see people that use the service (for example, the lab does not remove samples from a person, or contact patients to provide results or advice)

For medical laboratories that have contact with people who use the service, see [independent health single services: evidence categories](#)

To assess services we look at evidence against our quality statements. We have grouped the types into 6 [evidence categories](#).

We know there are differences in how services operate. We'll reflect this when we look at individual sources of evidence in our assessments.

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