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## **Important Test Changes for 2012**

### **FORENSIC BIOLOGY**

Starting in 2012 the Forensic Biology tests 573(ships mid-April) and 576(ships mid-October) will no longer include a reporting section for Mitochondrial DNA results.

If your laboratory used test 573 and/or 576 for submission of Mitochondrial DNA results, please refer to the enclosed 2012 CTS Forensic Proficiency Program Renewal form to determine which of our remaining Forensic Biology tests will best meet your needs. To maintain DAB/FBI QAS frequency requirements, it is suggested that you change your enrollment from 573 to 572(ships March) and/or 576 to 575(ships September).

### **DRUG ANALYSIS**

Starting in 2012 the Drug Analysis test 501 will no longer include an option for International participation.

If your laboratory was enrolled in test 501 for International shipment, we have converted your enrollment to the 502 Drug Analysis test which will still include International participation. Please review the enclosed 2012 CTS Forensic Proficiency Program Renewal form to adjust test quantities as needed.

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC TESTS**

Starting in 2012 all tests that are provided in a photographic form will also be offered in a DVD form (.tif format, 1000dpi resolution). Due to large file sizes, advanced photo image software may be required to open and view these images.

Please remember, for tests that are provided in a DVD format, you are not limited to conducting only on-screen comparisons and may employ any other method you wish. However, because of differences in printing technology, CTS cannot guarantee the quality of images you print from the DVD.

Please contact the CTS Forensics Department with any questions.

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