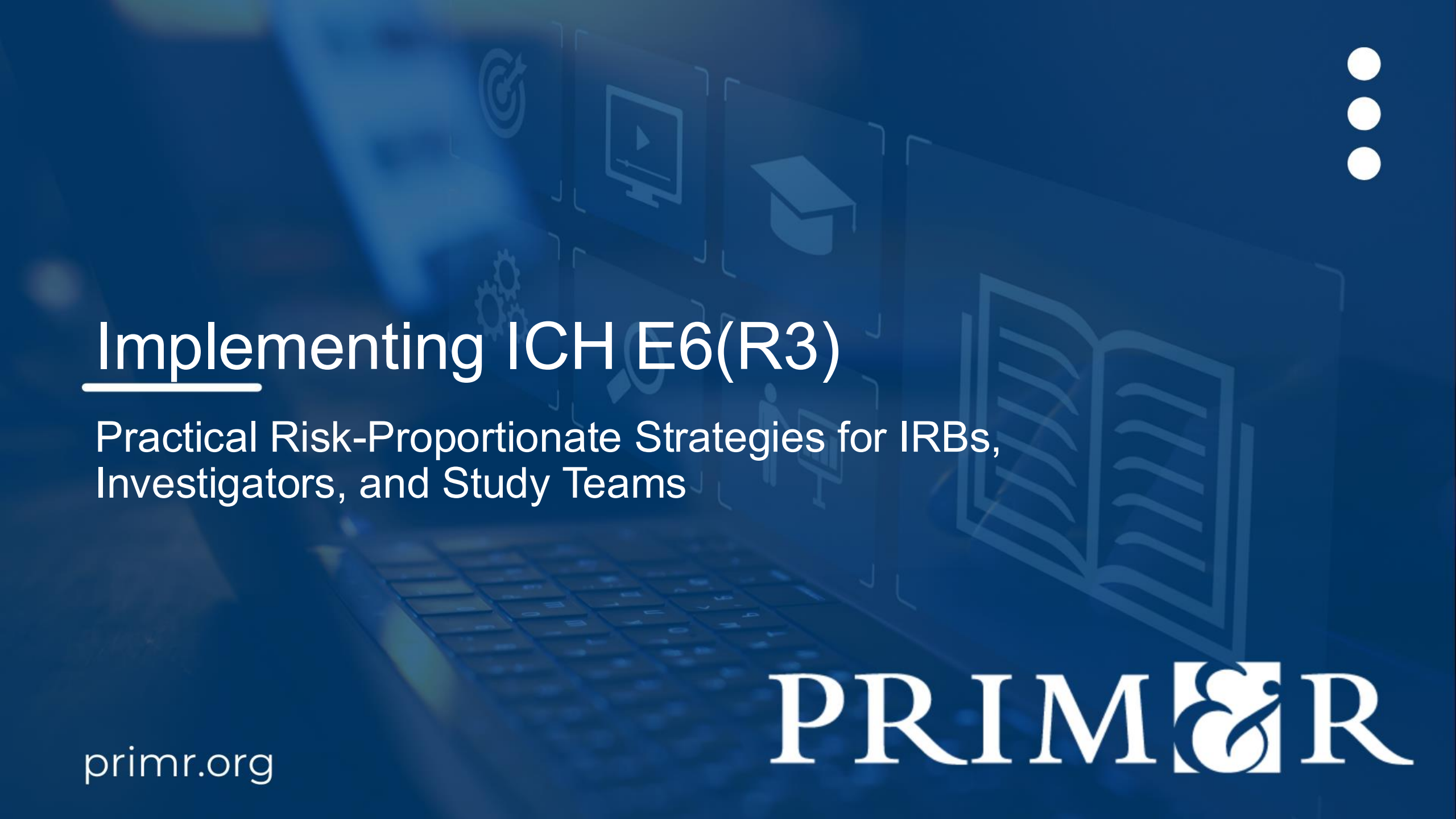




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## Our Vision

Improve the integrity, safety, and rigor of global clinical trials.

## Our Mission

Engage diverse stakeholders to define emerging issues in global clinical trials and to create and implement ethical, actionable, and practical solutions.



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# Today's Webinar:



## Practical Risk-Proportionate Strategies for IRBs, Investigators, and Study Teams

- What is actually changing?
- Focus on: IRB, Investigator, Essential Records
- Case Study
- Q & A

# What is actually changing?



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HARMONISATION OF TECHNICAL  
REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACEUTICALS FOR HUMAN USE

**ICH HARMONISED GUIDELINE**  
**GUIDELINE FOR GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE**  
**E6(R3)**

Final version  
Adopted on 16 June 2026

<https://www.ich.org/page/efficacy-guidelines>



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**E6(R3) Good Clinical  
Practice**  
**Guidance for Industry**

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Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)  
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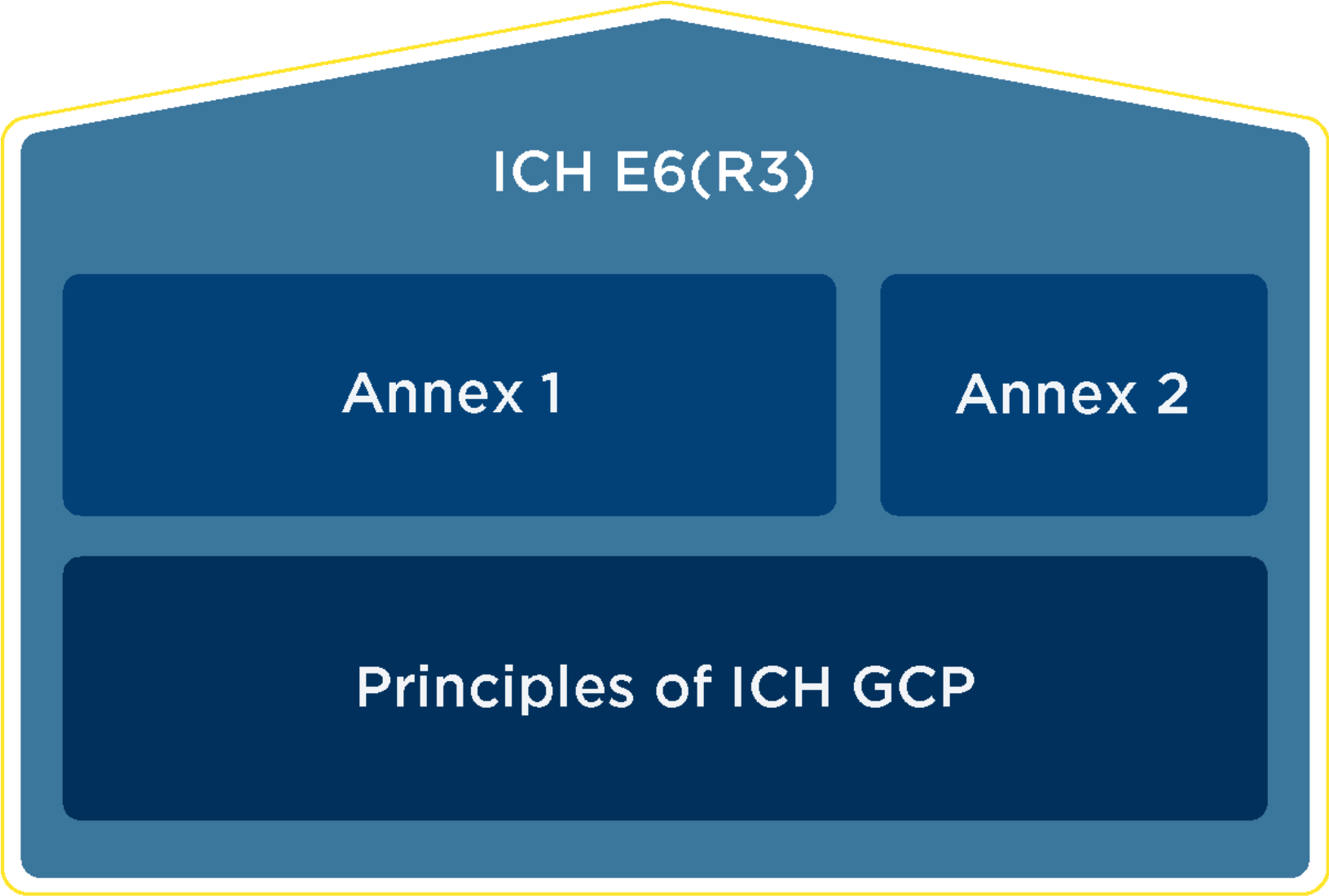
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## Scope note:

- E6(R3) formally applies to interventional trials of investigational products intended for regulatory submission.
- It's goal is to provide a unified standard to facilitate mutual acceptance by regulatory authorities.

## It's Flexible!

- Principles are intended to apply also to interventional trials not intended for submission and even more broadly across clinical trial types and settings.
- It encourages thoughtful consideration and planning of each unique clinical trial or study.



ICH E6(R3)

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Annex 1

Annex 2

Principles of ICH GCP

# ICH E6(R3)

## Annex 1

## Annex 2

Appendix A

Appendix B

Appendix C

Glossary

Principles of ICH GCP

# Quality by Design

A **prospective** and **multidisciplinary** approach that focuses on:

- Gathering input from interested parties
- Identifying critical trial attributes  
**(Critical to Quality Factors)**
- Identifying, prioritising, and controlling important risks to trial attributes

# Official ICH E6(R3) Training Library

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E6(R3)

> Step 4 Presentation

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## Interpretation and Application of ICH E6(R3): Good Clinical Practice Guideline

**Module 1: Introduction and Foundational Concepts**, published in October 2025

- [Module 1.1 Overview; Transcript](#)
- [Module 1.2 Principles of ICH GCP; Transcript](#)
- [Module 1.3 Foundational Concepts; Transcript](#)

**Module 2: Responsibilities and Oversight**, coming soon!

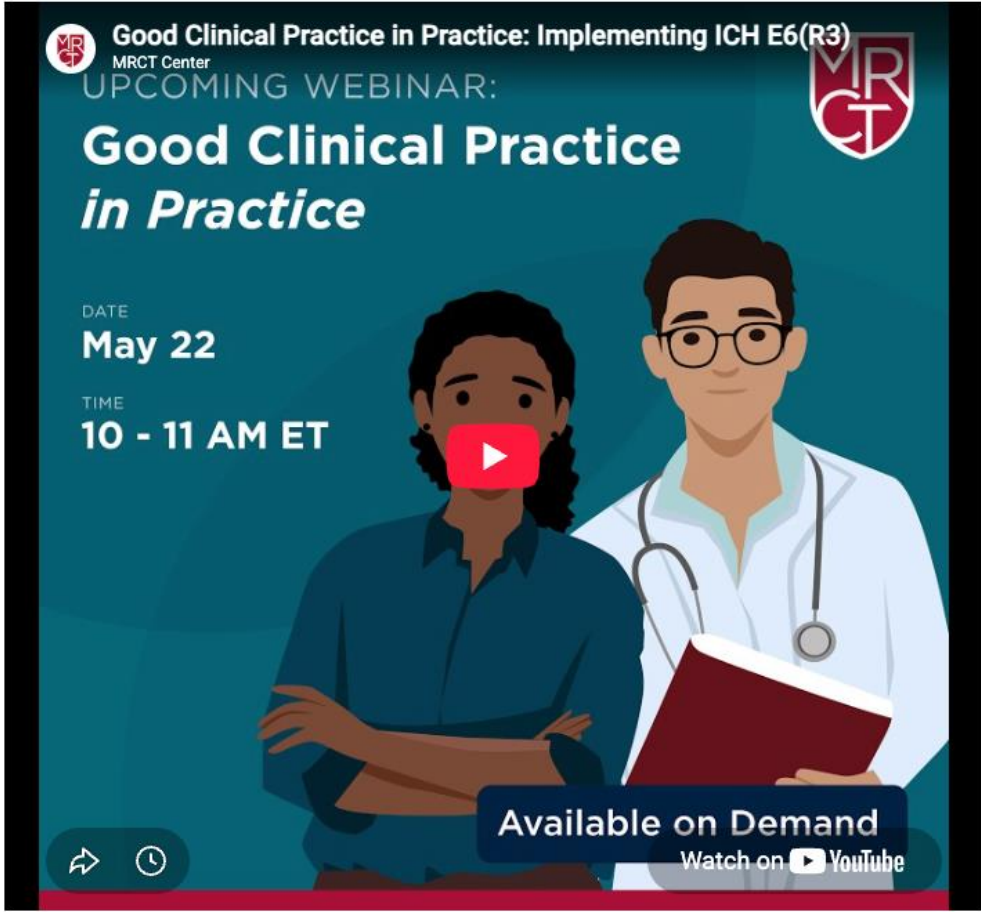
**Module 3: Data Governance**, coming soon!

**Module 4: Informed Consent**, published in January 2026

- [Module 4.1; Transcript](#)
- [Module 4.2; Transcript](#)

**Module 5: Essential Records**, published in September 2026

- [Module 5.1; Transcript](#)
- [Module 5.2; Transcript](#)



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Good Clinical Practice in Practice: Implementing ICH E6(R3)

UPCOMING WEBINAR:

# Good Clinical Practice *in Practice*

DATE  
**May 22**

TIME  
**10 - 11 AM ET**

Available on Demand

Watch on YouTube

Case Example:

# Practical Risk-Proportionate Strategies

# Case Example: Approved drug for new indication



## Study Design & Sponsor

- Open-label, investigator-initiated trial
- Approved drug in a new indication for a rare neuromuscular condition
- PI at the coordinating academic medical center holds the IND

## Population & Sites

- 60 participants enrolled
- 3 sites total
- Coordinating center's IRB serves as the reviewing IRB for all 3 sites under a reliance agreement

## Endpoint & Study Procedures

- Primary endpoint: functional score at 24 weeks
- Participants self-administer weekly at home, between monthly site visits
- Biomarker samples collected via at-home phlebotomy by a contracted home nursing vendor

## Data & Lab Infrastructure

- eCRF: REDCap build from the medical center's own informatics core
- Biomarker samples sent to a central laboratory under a service agreement



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