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Dear Laboratory Professional,

The American Society for Clinical Pathology – Board of Certification (ASCP – BOC) is conducting a practice analysis for Laboratory Assistants. We are seeking information about the tasks performed by laboratory assistants so that we can determine whether or not a credentialing examination would be appropriate for this level of practice.

A Laboratory Assistant performs tasks in the clinical laboratory at a level below the Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) and is supervised by an MLT or higher level practitioner. The position may have many different job titles including Medical Laboratory Assistant, Clinical Laboratory Assistant, Clinical Assistant, and Laboratory Assistant. The individuals in this position typically have a high school education plus additional formal or on-the-job training. The job duties vary depending on the institution and may include, but are not limited to, phlebotomy, specimen processing, waived testing, and clerical functions.

If you are a Laboratory Assistant, or if you supervise, teach, or work with Laboratory Assistants we would like to hear from you. Please click on the link below to begin a survey that asks for information on the tasks performed by Laboratory Assistants in your clinical laboratory and also includes some demographic questions.

Supervisors and laboratory directors, we also ask that you forward this email to your staff, particularly the laboratory assistants, to avail them of the opportunity to respond to this survey.

The ASCP – BOC has taken special measures to ensure your privacy and the privacy of your laboratory. Your responses are strictly confidential. No individual level data will be revealed, and in the final survey report, all information will be aggregated.

To take the survey, click **this link**. This survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Thank you for your assistance in collecting this important information.

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