

## PROFICIENCY TESTING PROVIDER (PTP) ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

### Scope of Accreditation

Accredited Laboratory No. 613

**Legal Name of Accredited Laboratory:** **Institut national de santé publique  
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<b>Program Specialty Area:</b>	Proficiency Testing Provider
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*Note: This scope of accreditation is also available in French as a separately issued document.*

**PROFICIENCY TESTING PARAMETERS FOR WHICH THE PROVIDER IS ACCREDITED**

**Metals:**

**Programme de comparaisons interlaboratoires pour les métaux en milieu biologique/  
Interlaboratory Comparison Program for Metals in Biological Matrices (PCI)**

<b>Analyte / Biological matrix</b>	<b>Concentration range (lower-upper)</b>	<b>Concentration range (lower-upper)</b>
Serum Aluminum	0,40-10 µmol/L	11 - 270 µg/L
Urine Arsenic (Inorganic)	0,30-10 µmol/L	22 - 750 µg/L
Urine Arsenic (Total)	0,10-20 µmol/L	7.5 - 1500 µg/L
Blood Cadmium	5,0-150 nmol/L	0.56 - 17 µg/L
Urine Cadmium	5,0-150 nmol/L	0.56 - 17 µg/L
Urine Chromium	20-1500 nmol/L	1.0 - 78 µg/L
Serum Copper	1,0-50 µmol/L	64 - 3200 µg/L
Urine Copper	0,10-20 µmol/L	6.4 - 1300 µg/L
Urine Fluoride	10-1500 µmol/L	190 - 28000 µg/L
Urine Iodide	0,10-3,1 µmol/L	13 - 390 µg/L
Blood Lead	0,050-5,0 µmol/L	0.27 - 6.9 µg/L
Urine Lead	0,010-5,0 µmol/L	1.0 - 100 µg/L
Serum Manganese	5,0-125 nmol/L	1.0 - 50 µg/L
Blood Mercury (inorganic)	5,0-500 nmol/L	0.40 - 300 µg/L
Blood Mercury (organic)	5,0-250 nmol/L	10 - 1000 µg/L
Urine Mercury	2,0-1500 nmol/L	2.1 - 1000 µg/L
Serum Selenium	0,50-5,0 µmol/L	39 - 390 µg/L
Urine Selenium	0,30-5,0 µmol/L	24 - 390 µg/L
Serum Zinc	2,0-50 µmol/L	130 - 3300 µg/L
Urine Zinc	1,0-25 µmol/L	65 - 1600 µg/L

**Metals:**

**Programme d'assurance qualité externe multiélément QMEQAS/  
Quebec Multielement External Quality Assessment Scheme (QMEQAS)**

Analyte	Concentration range (lower-upper) Hair (SI units)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Blood (SI units)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Serum (SI units)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Urine (SI units)
Aluminum	0,29-7,5 µmol/g	2,0-11 µmol/L	0,40-10 µmol/L	2,0-11 µmol/L
Antimony	1,6-21 nmol/g	2,0-160 nmol/L	1,0-65 nmol/L	1,0-65 nmol/L
Arsenic	0,80-54 nmol/g	20-530 nmol/L	30-530 nmol/L	0,10-20 µmol/L
Barium	0,35-185 nmol/g	2,0-70 nmol/L	10-210 nmol/L	5,0-300 nmol/L
Beryllium	0,0040-0,12 µmol/g	0,30-2,2 µmol/L	0,20-3,3 µmol/L	0,20-1,6 µmol/L
Bismuth	0,47-24 nmol/g	0,50-140 nmol/L	0,50-140 nmol/L	2,0-235 nmol/L
Cadmium	0,53-90 nmol/g	5,0-150 nmol/L	2,0-150 nmol/L	5,0-150 nmol/L
Chromium	7,6-290 nmol/g	10-190 nmol/L	10-190 nmol/L	20-1500 nmol/L
Cobalt	1,6-170 nmol/g	4,0-165 nmol/L	5,0-130 nmol/L	5,0-250 nmol/L
Copper	0,0030-6,3 µmol/g	2,0-75 µmol/L	1,0-50 µmol/L	0,10-20 µmol/L
Iodine	0,0075-0,080 µmol/g	0,30-1,1 µmol/L	0,010-1,1 µmol/L	0,10-3,1 µmol/L
Lead	0,00020-0,15 µmol/g	0,050-5,0 µmol/L	0,050-1,2 µmol/L	0,010-5,0 µmol/L
Manganese	1,8-275 nmol/g	50-900 nmol/L	5,0-125 nmol/L	5,0-180 nmol/L
Mercury	2,4-50 nmol/g	5,0- 500 nmol/L	5,0-50 nmol/L	2,0-1500 nmol/L
Molybdenum	0,52-21 nmol/g	11-150 nmol/L	3,2-150 nmol/L	100-10400 nmol/L
Nickel	1,7-260 nmol/g	30-200 nmol/L	26-500 nmol/L	10-1000 nmol/L
Platinum	0,25-2,6 nmol/g	0,50-25 nmol/L	0,50-5,0 nmol/L	3,0-25 nmol/L
Selenium	0,0075-0,13 µmol/g	0,70-10 µmol/L	0,50-5,0 µmol/L	0,30-5,0 µmol/L
Silver	0,46-38 nmol/g	3,0-70 nmol/L	5,0-45 nmol/L	10-100 nmol/L
Tellurium	0,78-16 nmol/g	16-90 nmol/L	20-90 nmol/L	4,0-390 nmol/L

Analyte	Concentration range (lower-upper) Hair (SI units)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Blood (SI units)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Serum (SI units)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Urine (SI units)
Thallium	0,095-2,5 nmol/g	1,0-70 nmol/L	0,20-48 nmol/L	1,0-390 nmol/L
Thorium	8,5-44 nmol/g	1,0-21 nmol/L	0,10-21 nmol/L	0,050-2,1 nmol/L
Tin	25-130 nmol/g	5,0-250 nmol/L	20-80 nmol/L	2,0-1500 nmol/L
Uranium	0,12-8,4 nmol/g	0,22-4,2 nmol/L	0,45-4,2 nmol/L	0,30-20 nmol/L
Vanadium	3,9-40 nmol/g	1,0-98 nmol/L	1,0-39 nmol/L	10-580 nmol/L
Zinc	0,030-23 µmol/g	20-220 µmol/L	2,0-50 µmol/L	1,0-25 µmol/L

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Analyte	Concentration range (lower-upper) Hair (µg/g)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Blood (µg/L)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Serum (µg/L)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Urine (µg/L)
Aluminum	7.8 - 200	50 - 300	11 - 270	54 - 300
Antimony	0.19 - 2.6	0.24 - 19	0.12 - 7.9	0.12 - 7.9
Arsenic	0.050 - 4.1	0.32 - 7.6	0.54 - 4.9	1.1 - 11
Barium	0.060 - 4.0	1.5 - 40	2.2 - 40	7.5 - 1500
Beryllium	0.048 - 25	0.27 - 10	1.4 - 29	0.69 - 41
Bismuth	0.036 - 1.1	2.7 - 20	1.8 - 30	1.8 - 14
Cadmium	0.10 - 5.0	0.10 - 29	0.10 - 29	0.42 - 49
Chromium	0.060 - 10	0.56 - 17	0.22 - 17	0.56 - 17
Cobalt	0.094 - 10	0.24 - 10	0.29 - 7.7	0.29 - 15
Copper	0.40 - 15	0.52 - 10	0.52 - 10	1.0 - 78
Iodine	0.19 - 400	130.0 - 4800	64 - 3200	6.4 - 1300
Lead	3.0 - 15	0.59 - 30	2.4 - 10	0.24 - 180
Manganese	1.0 - 10	38.0 - 140	1.3 - 140	13 - 390
Mercury	0.10 - 15	2.7 - 49	0.27 - 6.9	0.27 - 10
Molybdenum	0.48 - 10	1.0 - 100	1.0 - 10	0.40 - 300
Nickel	0.050 - 2.0	1.1 - 14	0.31 - 14	9.6 - 1000
Platinum	0.10 - 15	1.8 - 12	1.5 - 29	0.59 - 59

Analyte	Concentration range (lower-upper) Hair (µg/g)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Blood (µg/L)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Serum (µg/L)	Concentration range (lower-upper) Urine (µg/L)
Selenium	0.041 - 31	10.0 - 1000	10 - 250	2.1 - 1000
Silver	0.049 - 0.51	0.10 - 4.9	0.10 - 1.0	0.59 - 4.9
Tellurium	0.59 - 10	55.0 - 790	39 - 390	24 - 390
Thallium	0.10 - 2.0	2.0 - 11	2.6 - 11	0.51 - 50
Thorium	0.019 - 0.5	0.20 - 14	0.041 - 10	0.20 - 80
Tin	2.0 - 10	0.23 - 4.9	0.023 - 4.9	0.012 - 0.49
Uranium	0.029 - 2.0	0.052 - 1.0	0.11 - 1.0	0.071 - 4.8
Vanadium	0.20 - 2.0	0.051 - 5.0	0.051 - 2.0	0.51 - 30
Zinc	2.0 - 1500	1300 - 14000	130 - 3300	65 - 1600

### Organic Contaminants:

#### Programme de comparaisons interlaboratoires "AMAP Ring Test" pour les polluants organiques persistants dans le sérum humain/ AMAP Ring Test for Persistent Organic Pollutants in Human Serum

#### CONGENERS OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (microgram/L)

Analyte	Concentration range (lower-upper)
PCB IUPAC # 28	0,20 - 1,0
PCB IUPAC # 74	0,10 - 0,80
PCB IUPAC # 99	0,10 - 1,0
PCB IUPAC # 105	0,050 - 0,50
PCB IUPAC # 118	0,10 - 1,0
PCB IUPAC # 138	0,10 - 2,0
PCB IUPAC # 153	0,10 - 2,0
PCB IUPAC # 170	0,10 - 1,0
PCB IUPAC # 180	0,10 - 2,0

#### BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS (microgram/L)

Analyte	Concentration range (lower-upper)
PBDE IUPAC # 28	0,050 - 1,0
PBDE IUPAC # 47	0,10 - 2,0
PBDE IUPAC # 99	0,050 - 1,0
PBDE IUPAC # 100	0,050 - 1,0
PBDE IUPAC # 153	0,050 - 1,0
PBDE IUPAC # 154	0,050 - 1,0
PBDE IUPAC # 183	0,10 - 1,0
PBDE IUPAC # 209	0,10 - 2,0

#### CHLORINATED PESTICIDES (microgram/L)

Analyte	Concentration range (lower-upper)
Beta-HCH	0,10 - 2,0
Dieldrin	0,050 - 2,0
Gamma-HCH	0,050 - 2,0
Heptachlor	0,050 - 2,0
Heptachlor epoxide	0,050 - 2,0
Hexachlorobenzene (HCB)	0,10 - 2,0
Oxychlorane	0,10 - 2,0
p,p'-DDE	0,50 - 10
p,p'-DDT	0,10 - 2,0
Toxaphene Parlar # 26	0,020 - 0,50
Toxaphene Parlar # 50	0,020 - 0,50
Trans-nonachlor	0,10 - 5,0

#### PERFLUORINATED COMPOUNDS (microgram/L)

<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Concentration range (lower-upper)</b>
PFHxA	0,50 - 10
PFHxS	0,50 - 25
PFNA	0,20 - 5,0
PFOA	0,50 - 30
PFOS	1,0 - 200
PFUdA	0,20 - 5,0

**Notes:**

**ISO/IEC 17043:2010:** Conformity assessment-General requirements for proficiency testing

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