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Standard	**Guidance**

Blood pH and Gases Standard of Practice 1 (BP S1): Quality Control Requirements
 	
Unless an Individualized Quality Control Plan (IQCP) is established according to Quality Control Standards of Practice 2, 3 and 4, for all blood gas instruments the laboratory must:
 	
  a) test three (3) levels of controls on each day of testing, and a minimum of one (1) control each eight (8) hours of testing; and
 	
  b) test a control or calibrator with each patient unless the blood gas instrument internally verifies the calibration every thirty (30) minutes at a minimum.	