



# Comprehensive Accreditation Manual

**CAMLAB**

for **Laboratory and Point-of-  
Care Testing**  
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Standards  
Elements of Performance  
Accreditation Policies  
and Procedures

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