

# COLA Accreditation

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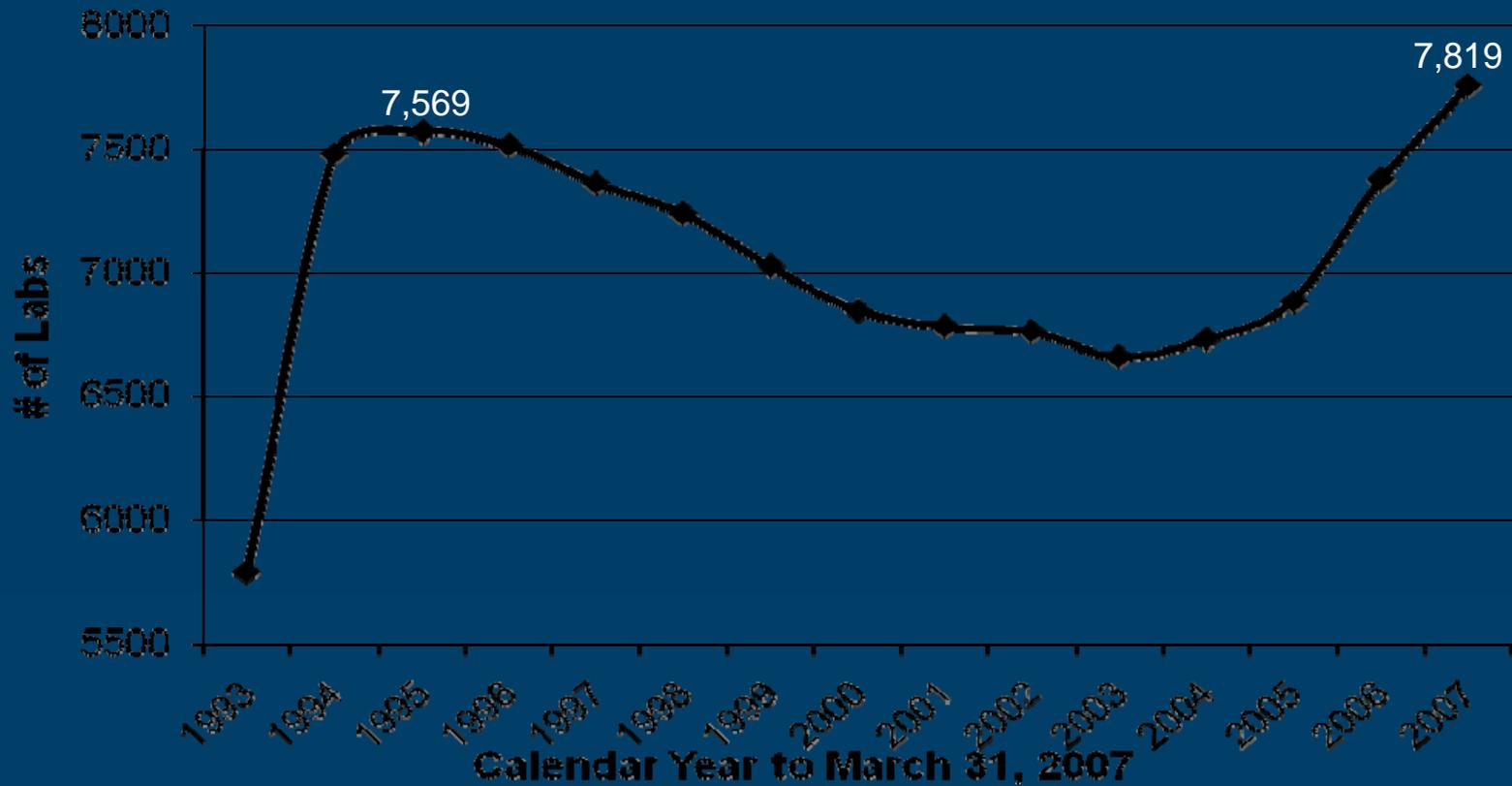
# COLA History

- A physician directed non-profit organization founded in 1988 and sponsored by AAFP, ACP-ASIM, AOA and CAP
- Since 1992 > 35,000 inspections of office, group practice, community hospital and reference laboratories



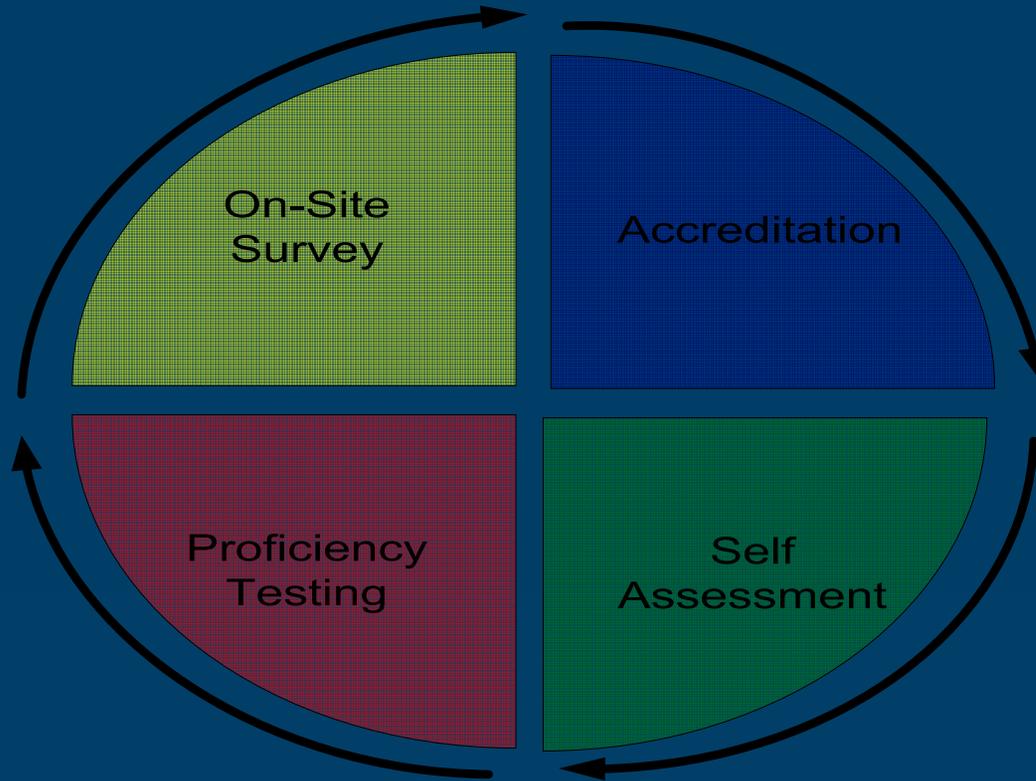
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# COLA Program Structure

## COLA Accreditation Flow



# Laboratory Accreditation

Education is the core element of the COLA laboratory accreditation process.

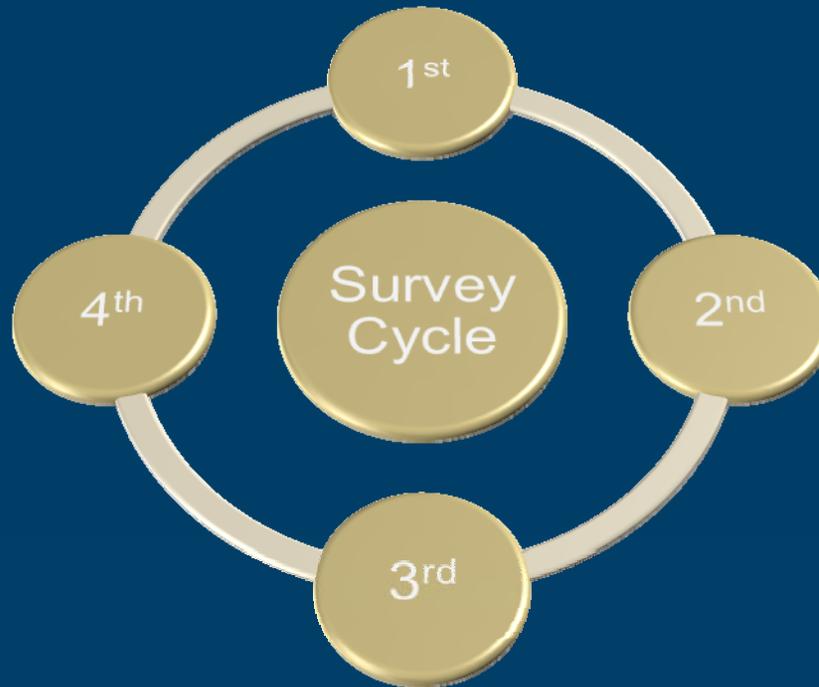


# PT Monitoring

- Proficiency testing is an integral part of quality laboratory practice that has value for all testing.



# COLA Laboratory Life Cycle



# Thank You

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