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NIST Handbook 150-31, which presents the technical requirements and guidance for the accreditation of laboratories under the NVLAP Healthcare Information Technology (HIT) Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP), has been revised.

The July 2017 edition of NIST Handbook 150-31 was developed with the participation of technical experts in the field of health information technology testing and is approved by NVLAP. This handbook incorporates the information and requirements found in ISO/IEC 17025, General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories; NIST Handbook 150; the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) Health IT Certification Program; and test procedures, test tools, and test data associated with this program. The requirements of NIST Handbook 150, the interpretations and specific requirements of NIST Handbook 150-31, and requirements set forth by technical standards have been combined to produce the criteria for accreditation in the NVLAP HIT LAP.

The 2017 edition of NIST Handbook 150-31 supersedes and replaces the 2011 edition. **Assessors will assess its requirements immediately.** It is available for download (PDF format) from the NVLAP website at: [https://www.nist.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017/08/15/nist.hb\\_.150-31-2017.pdf](https://www.nist.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017/08/15/nist.hb_.150-31-2017.pdf).

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