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**Webinar #10: “Drug Chemistry Essentials: Importance of Standardized Forensic Methods for the Analysis of Seized Drugs”**

**Learning Objectives**

After viewing this webinar, you will be able to:

- Describe the scope and purpose of seized drug analysis
- Discuss the key components of a laboratory quality assurance program
- Explain jurisdictional impact on drug analysis methods and reporting
- Summarize the four steps of seized drug analysis
- Discuss at least three factors that can affect net weight determination
- Explain the minimum analytical scheme standard for drug identification
- List three drug standards resources
- Discuss the meaning of zealous advocacy
- Discuss the application of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to seized drug cases
- Summarize key action items for participating in discovery proceedings
- Describe the types of laboratory information that can be requested for seized drug discovery proceedings
- Discuss case law relevant to chain of custody, expert testimony and motions in limine

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