

24 LABORATORY SAFETY

CASE STUDY

Luis Morales is a laboratory technician at the Westside Medical Clinic. The lab performs a variety of diagnostic and clinical support services for the healthcare facility, many of which involve blood and other potentially infectious materials. Luis is going to participate in a Career Day at his daughter's high school. He will be talking to students about the kind of work he does, as well as the education and training required. He also plans to explain a bit about the safety requirements in labs because that is an important part of the job.

1. What OSHA standard will Luis refer to when he's talking about processing blood samples and other types of medical tests?

2. What kinds of control measures are used at the lab to ensure the technicians' safety?

3. Luis will explain that he received safety training when he started his job and receives refresher training each year. What must be included in the training?