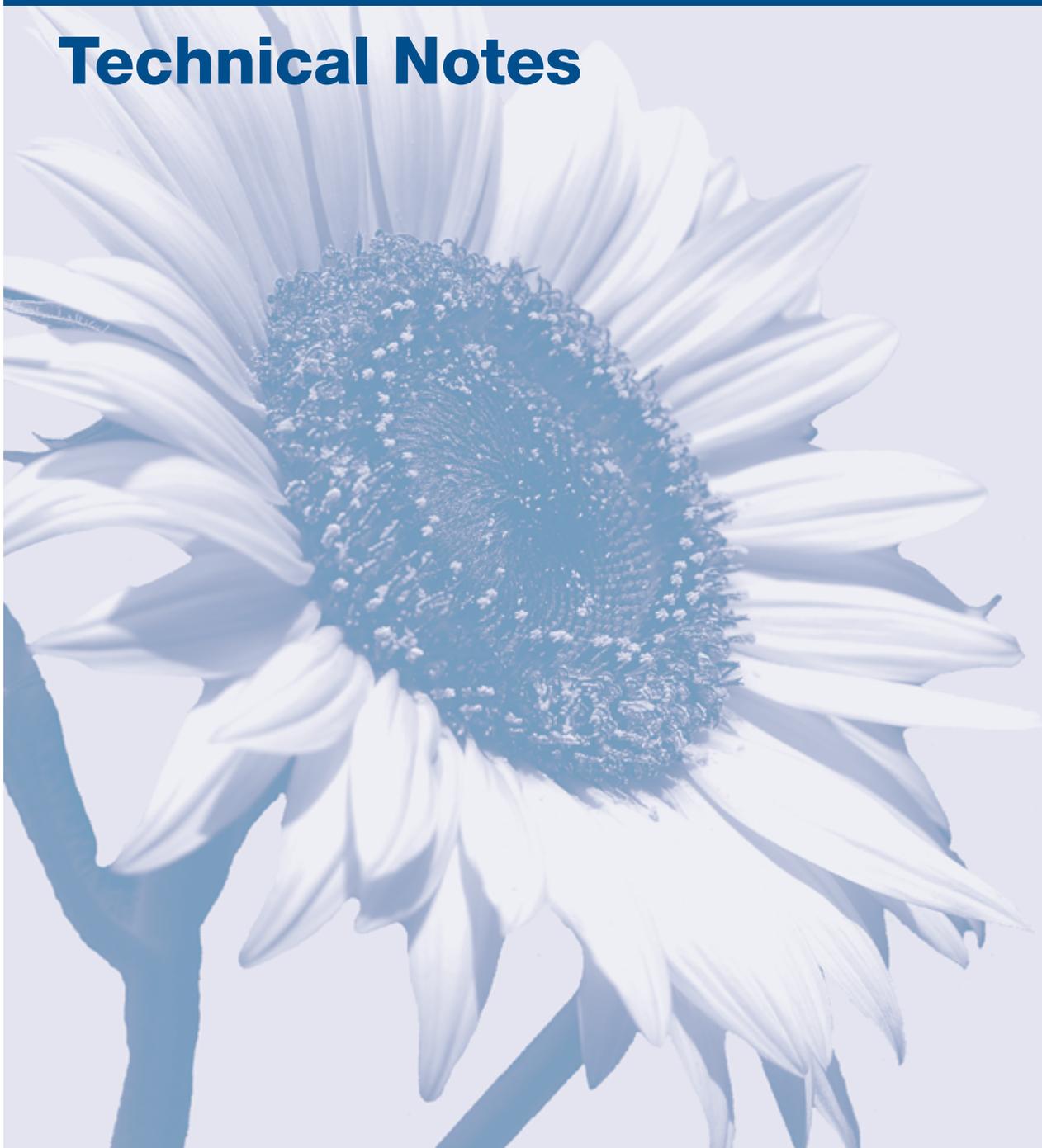


# 2013

## Appendix A

### Technical Notes



# APPENDIX A: TECHNICAL NOTES

## Validation of 2013 ART Data

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Site visits to assisted reproductive technology (ART) clinics for validation of 2013 ART data were conducted during April through June 2015. For validation of 2013 data, 35 of the 467 reporting clinics were randomly selected after taking into consideration the number of ART cycles performed at each clinic, some cycle and clinic characteristics, and whether the clinic had been selected before. During each validation visit, ART data reported by the clinic to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were compared with information documented in medical records.

For each clinic, the fully validated sample included up to 40 cycles resulting in pregnancy and up to 20 cycles not resulting in pregnancy. Up to 10 cycles using donor eggs or embryos were included among the fully validated sample at each clinic. In total, 2,062 ART cycles performed

in 2013 across the 35 clinics were randomly selected for full validation, along with 294 egg or embryo banking cycles selected for partial validation. The full validation included review of 1,329 cycles for which a pregnancy was reported. Among the nondonor cycles, 308 were multiple-fetus pregnancies. In addition, among patients whose cycles were fully validated, we verified the number of ART cycles performed during 2013. For each of these patients, we compared the total number of cycles reported with the total number of cycles in the medical record. If unreported ART cycles were identified in selected medical records, up to 10 of these cycles were also selected for partial validation.

Findings and discrepancy rates from the 2013 validation visits will be available later this year.