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What have we been up to?

- We are now on LinkedIn  follow us at:

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- We attended the **IBMS Awards** in London. We were shortlisted for a Research, Innovation and Technology Award. Though we didn't win we had a great day meeting other teams. We were nominated for our Patient Based EQA work with AKI — see more in **You may have missed Congratulations** to everyone who was there!
- Birmingham Quality received lovely positive feedback about our services from a participant who has now retired. Thank You!



"I feel the UK laboratories are very fortunate to have had, and continue to have, such fantastic support from UKNEQAS and consider it a national treasure that is under appreciated!"

Scheme Updates:

- UK NEQAS for Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease Distribution 209: *AKI looked at assay variation and LIMS handling at set cut-offs in the AKI Algorithm*
- Change in Target Value for Osmolal Gap in UK NEQAS for Clinical Chemistry Distribution 1173
- We have been investigating the *impact of lipaemia on Progesterone* in the UK NEQAS for Serum Indices Scheme using real lipaemic serum donations (an issue for some manufacturers). See the report for Distribution 185

EQA Nuggets:



Did you know you can access commentaries from under the Scheme Button?

[UK NEQAS for Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease](#)

You may have missed:

Boris our paediatric patient who gets up to mischief!



See commentaries for Dist. 182 and 202 of the UK NEQAS for Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease Scheme for more information about handling of AKI in paediatric patients.

Boris will be back ...