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What have we been up to?

- We are now on LinkedIn  follow us at:

Birmingham Quality (UK NEQAS)

- We held a very successful, impromptu, **webinar** with **Prof. Bill Fraser** on **Vitamin D** and how we should be Measuring it. This webinar was not recorded to allow for an open discussion, but some of the slides presented by Rachel Marrington are available to Birmingham Quality participants.



Please scan QR code to access slides

- We have had our 1 millionth Labgnostic (NPEX) result! Please do remember to still logon and complete any non-analytical components, for example any web Q&As.
- We have had a 3-day UKAS inspection where our **FIT cartridge** and **Salivary Steroid Scheme** were assessed as an Extension to Scope. Hopefully these will have full ISO/IEC 17043:2023 accreditation soon!
- Our pan-Chemistry user survey is now open, please take a minute to complete. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/yD9aAs7X0H>

Scheme Updates:

- In our UK NEQAS for Steroid Hormones Scheme, **Distribution 521**, we are looking in more detail at mass spectrometry assays for **Testosterone**. Please login to answer the questions.

EQA Nuggets:



Did you know you can change your own methods on the Results & Reports page?

UK NEQAS for Clinical Chemistry Report: Dist Result Latest Methods

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You may have missed:

If you are interested in low concentrations of **Oestradiol**, for example monitoring patients with breast cancer, treated with aromatase inhibitors, then look at **Specimen 519C** for **Oestradiol** which was of a low concentration. Check your report to see the range of lower reporting limits and how your assay performed at these low concentrations.