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What have we been up to?

- The five centres of the UK NEQAS Clinical Chemistry Division have written a joint document explaining the rationale for our EQA Scheme design.

We would strongly recommend that all Participants read this.



Click QR code for
access to document

- Rachel Marrington presented 'Are our Testosterone assays fit for purpose?' at the LabMed TNY Regional meeting.
- We have our 'EQA in 10 Graphs' webinar on Tuesday 16th September 2024. If you were unable to attend this webinar in person, it will be available under the **Education button** and contains valuable information to assist report interpretation.
- Rash Project* — We plan to send genuine clinical material of different **Renin** and **Aldosterone** concentrations to laboratories with an aim of harmonisation within these two analytes. If you are able to donate any clinical material then please contact BQ at birminghamquality@uhb.nhs.uk

Scheme Updates:

- UK NEQAS for Serum Indices **Distribution 188** will be asking for HIL cut-offs for both TSH and fT4 and analysis of specimens for fT4, please look out for this when specimens arrive!
- Further work on Testosterone will be undertaken through the UK NEQAS for Steroid Hormones Scheme Distribution 523. Specimens will arrive next week!

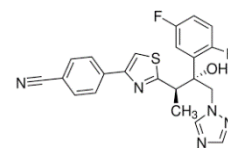
EQA Nuggets:



Did you know that we use the same colours in our presentations for each method:

- Red** – Abbott
- Orange** – Beckman
- Pink** – Quidel Ortho
- Green** – Roche
- Blue** – Siemens

You may have missed:



We now offer **Isavuconazole** within our UK NEQAS for Antifungals Scheme