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What have we been up to?

 It's official ! We have transitioned to <u>ISO/IEC 17043:2023</u>
We also now have some additional analytes accredited, too look out on your reports for more information!





Some of us were lucky enough to attend the Cardiac Markers Dialogue meeting in Glasgow last week which was an excellent opportunity for the laboratory to meet the clinician! Many of the International experts in the field contributed.

Well done to UK NEQAS Cardiac Markers!

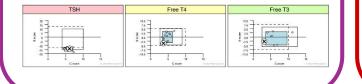
- We have been looking at our demographics database for our Participants. We know that there are many retired, or sadly deceased, contacts so we have started a project to get our files in order. This is a rather a mundane task but we need this to be correct, so we know who we have to send the Bill to and who gets those Poor Performers letters!
- Take a look at our new Education page under the Education button. Much easier to navigate!

Scheme Updates:

- UK NEQAS for Serum Indices Distribution 188 asked for HIL cut-offs for both TSH and fT4 and analysis of specimens for fT4, please look out for this report!
- Further work on Testosterone analytical protocols will be undertaken on Distribution 523 of the UK NEQAS for Steroid Hormones Scheme, which closes on 15 October 2024

EQA Nuggets:

Did you know that the PSI [Performance Summary Icons] page of your report summarises in RAG ratings all your B vs C scores for that Scheme.



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Our basic EQA in 10 graphs Webinars had over 250 delegates registering. We will be repeating this topic next year, but you can access a recording here:



Click QR code for access to Webinar

Don't forget to book onto our next webinar Monday 7th October 2024 University Hospitals NHS Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust