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UK NEQAS Clinical Chemistry meetings 2026

18.05.26 – Glasgow ●
June (details tbc) – **Belfast** ●
22.06.26 – Liverpool ●
14.07.26 – London ●

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using EQA for consistent and safe patient care**

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Scheme Updates:

- Thank you to everyone who completed re-registration
- We are continuing our work looking at the impact of changes in calcium assays on patient safety. Please complete the short survey on the [Clinical Chemistry Distributions 1210 and 201](#)
- Later this month, we will be undertaking another Short Synacthen Test interpretation exercise in the [UK NEQAS for Steroid Hormones](#) Scheme
- We are asking for Reference Range information for Thyroid Hormones as part of a wider project.
- As part of the Patient Focused Laboratory Medicine (PFLM) Group we have a [Yellow Card Process Awareness Survey](#) open in March. This is open to all individuals in the UK. Please complete if you have not yet done so.



EQA Nuggets:



Please remember to review the front page of your report. This is where we communicate important information to either your specific laboratory or all Participants. For example, on the [UK NEQAS for Vitamin D](#) report we detail the source of the Reference Method Target Values that are used.

You may have missed:

In 2023 an article was published in [The Endocrinologist](#) — Understanding the Limitations of your Lab Results

<https://www.endocrinology.org/media/xx1b59ke/endocrinologist-150-web.pdf>

This highlights the differences in Thyroid and Cortisol assays