Be mindful of controlling access to QView™

QMP–LS maintains a password-protected web portal at www.qview.ca. Laboratories accredited by OLA, laboratories who participate in QMP–LS external quality assessment (EQA) programs and QMP–LS committee members, advisers and assessors have access to it. It contains correspondence and confidential information.

QMP–LS provides each client laboratory with its own QView™ site. This unique site is where it’s the laboratory will find OLA and/or EQA information. A login account is created for a “Site Administrator” to access the site and posted files. Within the laboratory, the role of the Site Administrator is to manage access and control; the Site Administrator is responsible for granting/approving access to the laboratory’s QView™ site.

If you are a laboratory Site Administrator, please remember to control who has access to your site information, at all times. QMP–LS recommends that you regularly review the list of individuals with access to your laboratory’s QView™ site. When an individual leaves the organization ensure that person’s QView™ account is removed from your site.

QMP–LS also provides each committee member, adviser, and OLA assessor with a QView™ login account for sites containing confidential files. QMP–LS follows a process and procedure for removing access to QView™ when a user retires or their contract ends. Recognizing that insecure passwords are another security threat, we have a process for changing staff passwords every 90 days.

Similarly, all QView™ account holders should ensure that no unauthorized individuals have access to their QView™ account by following password management best practices, keeping their QView™ password secret and changing their password regularly.

Controlling access to QMP–LS laboratory information is consistent with the following OLA requirements for accreditation:

- **II.F.12** All records shall be stored so that they are readily retrievable, secure and can be accessed by only authorized personnel.
- **IX.C.6** The organization shall have a process to ensure the security of information technology (IT) software and hardware.

Avoid an inadvertent breach of security in your facility and an unnecessary OLA non-conformance by instituting appropriate measures to control access to your QView™ site.
Eye on OLA: Feedback needed - Let’s collaborate to make Version 6.0 an even more valuable resource

View a 3.5 minute video about the process to create Version 6.0 of the OLA Requirements and Guidance Information. Participants, Scientific Committees, Advisory Panel members, stakeholders and QMP–LS staff each have important roles in ensuring our most important document is current and useful in helping laboratories to prepare for an assessment, and for guiding our assessors to apply the requirements consistently.

QMP–LS will be using version 6.0 for three years, consider taking the time now to help us make certain it is a significant improvement.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8buA02xPHtY&list=PLuz-vvAZ5tNXxaHnCKc9Gx0kAuoc0gak&index=1

All laboratory professionals in participating laboratories are invited to review the current requirements and provide feedback to OLA on the wording and application of any requirement and/or guidance information.

Your comments will be tabulated and presented to our stakeholders, QMP–LS Scientific Committees and Advisory Panel members as part of an extensive consultation process that will culminate in the release of a new version of references for the OLA Requirements and Guidance Information (Version 6.0 anticipated for release December 2013).

Send your submission by fax, email or mail to:

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Join us in Toronto on May 9 for the ISLH 2013 symposium and QMP–LS/IQMH pre-meeting workshop!

XXVIth International Symposium on Technological Innovations in Laboratory Hematology
(In collaboration with QMP-LS and NASCOLA)

TORONTO, CANADA | MAY 10–12, 2013 | SHERATON CENTRE

QMP–LS is excited to be part of this 2013 event! Join ISLH and participants from around the world at the pre-meeting workshop on May 9, and share valuable information on laboratory hematology and laboratory quality management in Canada.

**Topics include:**

- Technical and Clinical Considerations for Lupus Anticoagulant Testing
- Establishment and Implementation of a Scoring Scheme for EQA Interpretive Surveys
- EQA PNH Testing – A Canadian Perspective
- Malaria Diagnosis from an EQA Perspective
- Update of Hemoglobinopathy Consensus Recommendations
- Reality of Immunophenotyping in Clinical Practice

**Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel**
123 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
Canada M5H 2M9

**Registration**

Visit the ISLH website for more details on the symposium, pre-meeting workshop and how to register.

Whether you are a physician, medical laboratory technologist, scientist or vendor, you’ll find the ISLH 2013 Symposium and the QMP–LS Hematology Pre-meeting Workshop an educational experience.

Continuing education hours will be granted to participants of the pre-meeting workshop.
Watch promo on YouTube:

Short promo (17 min.) [http://youtu.be/Y4Ao0yV6rhk](http://youtu.be/Y4Ao0yV6rhk)

(Includes ISLH 2013 highlights, a welcome from Catherine Hayward, ISLH Executive Director, and showcases downtown Toronto and attractions.)

Full promo (30 min.) [http://youtu.be/_MaHsLI_nG8](http://youtu.be/_MaHsLI_nG8)

(Includes everything from the short promo, plus QMP–LS/IQMH pre-meeting workshop highlights and workshop speaker bios.)

Notice to present and past Cytology EQA survey participants

A short QMP–LS Cytology patterns-of-practice survey (CYTO-1305-PP) is being conducted to determine the impact of recent changes to Cytology screening guidelines on Cytology laboratories in Ontario. On May 13, 2013, the analysis worksheet for the survey will be posted in the QView™ site of all Cytology laboratories that were licensed for Cytology in 2012 and/or 2013. All Ontario Cytology laboratories that held licenses in 2012 and/or 2013 are expected to participate. The survey is due May 27, 2013. An email notice regarding this survey will be sent to all persons who have requested information on Cytology EQA or general QMP–LS information.

If you have any questions regarding this survey please contact Tammy Ashfield at [ashfield@qmpls.org](mailto:ashfield@qmpls.org) or (416) 323-9540 ext. 262.
In Memoriam: Dr. Brian Rudrick

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Dr. Brian Rudrick on Sunday, March 17, 2013 in Owen Sound. Dr. Rudrick served for 20 years as Pathologist and Laboratory Director for Grey Bruce Health Services and South Bruce Grey Health Centre hospitals.

Passionate about pathology and committed to laboratory quality and patient safety, Brian had been involved with QMP–LS for more than ten years. He served as a member of the Ontario Laboratory Accreditation (OLA) Advisory Panel from April 2004 to March 2007. He was a valued member of the Pathology External Quality Assessment (EQA) Slide Assessment team from 2006 to the present where his expertise and willingness to participate in the peer assessment of EQA survey slides was greatly appreciated by QMP–LS and the many slide assessors who worked with him. His knowledge, passion and ability to stimulate thoughtful discussion will be greatly missed.

Related:

Owen Sound Sun Times, Hospital mourns popular pathologist http://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/2013/03/18/hospital-mourns-popular-pathologist

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at http://www.woodfuneralhome.ca/Obituary/1158
Register today for Practice of Cytopathology – Recent Advances

Practice of Cytopathology - Recent Advances

London Health Sciences Centre
University Hospital, 3rd Floor, Auditorium B
339 Windermere Road, London, Ontario

Saturday, April 6, 2013
8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Description

This meeting, in an interactive educational format, will provide the audience an excellent opportunity to learn and share ideas with our faculty members and cytotechnologists. We have emphasized a patient-centered approach to practice of cytopathology incorporating current ancillary studies as they apply to cytopathology. We will discuss advances in cytology practice patterns and new developments in image guided cytopathology.

Target Audience

Pathologists, pathology residents, cytotechnologists and cytotechnology students.

Planning Committee

Dr. Aaron Haig (CME Director), Dr. Mariamma Joseph, Susan McRae and Donna Murphy. Department of Pathology, Western University and London Health Sciences Centre.

Accreditation

This program will be accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Ontario.

Learning Objectives

After this educational session, participants will:

1. Enhance their ability to diagnose challenging cytology cases through active participation in large group interactive workshops.
2. Expand their knowledge and skills on advanced cytopreparatory and ancillary techniques.
3. Recognize diagnostic approaches to complex cytological problems through a variety of case studies.
4. Understand helpful QA practices in cytopathology
Brochure

Download the brochure for a complete description of the course faculty and program agenda.

https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/continuingprofessionaldevelopment/cmeprograms/files/Brochures/PracticeCytopathology6April2013Brochure.pdf

Registration

Visit https://cpdreg.adt.its.uwo.ca/Default.aspx?functionType=displayCMEEventsSelectForm&sort=alpha

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National Medical Laboratory Week 2013: April 28–May 4

Since 1985, the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS) has sponsored a special week in April to promote awareness and understanding of the role of medical laboratory professionals in the health care system. QMP–LS is supporting the CSMLS campaign by promoting its initiatives through the QMP–LS News and IQMH twitter page. If you are a CSMLS member visit http://nmlw.csmls.org/ to access member exclusive NMLW activities. CSMLS provides posters, brochures and other promotional material, in both official languages, free-of-charge to all members.

CSMLS is excited to kick off the National Medical Laboratory Week 2013 campaign. For too long we have hidden behind closed doors. It's time to change that!

This year, you will be in control of the awareness building campaign and actually create the message. By participating in fun online activities, you will determine the content for OurFocusIsYou.ca/our public awareness website.

For too long we have hidden behind closed doors.
It's time to change that.

http://youtu.be/b2JT6KIAifo

Support the campaign, create a message, share the website and order official NMLW display items to create displays that raise awareness.

Visit www.nmlw.csmls.org to Get started!
Mark your calendar: Anaerobe Bacteriology Workshop – May 9, 2013, Toronto

Anaerobe Bacteriology Workshop

Faculty: Diane Citron, R.M. Alden Research Lab

Anaerobic Bacteriology for the Clinical Laboratory

In today’s laboratory environment, cost effectiveness is now a common goal. How can microbiology laboratories apply cost-effective measures to anaerobic cultures? This seminar will answer that question and discuss simple and proven methods to isolate and identify anaerobic bacteria. The workshop will consist of three hours of lecture and three hours of practical exam. Lecture will cover theoretical aspects of obligate anaerobiosis, types of infections involving anaerobic bacteria, and organisms most frequently involved in infections. Techniques covered will include specimen collection, primary isolation, identification and susceptibility testing. The practical exam session will present fourteen unknown organisms for identification using rapid, inexpensive, and reliable procedures.

Workshop Fee

125.00 per participant. The fee includes lunch, workshop, handouts, and The Wadsworth Anaerobic Bacteriology Manual (includes textbook).

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of this workshop, the participants will be able to:

- Explain the mechanism of oxygen toxicity, which is harmful to anaerobes
- Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of various systems that provide anaerobic conditions
- Recognize minimum requirements for the successful collection of anaerobic specimens
- Identify the primary media for the isolation of anaerobic bacteria
- Apply and interpret rapid spot tests for the identification of anaerobes
- Identify the most common anaerobes in clinical specimens

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2013
**Schedule:**

**Sign In:** 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Workshop:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Lunch Break Included)

**Cost:** $125 per participant

**Location:**
Public Health Ontario Laboratory
81 Resources Road, Toronto, ON

**Parking:**
Drive past the laboratory building and park in the lot between 81 Resources Road and 125 Resources Road (Ministry of the Environment). Walk back up to the main entrance, make your way inside and turn left for the auditorium.

**To Register Contact:**

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kimstewart@anaerobesystems.com

**Registration Deadline:**

April 23, 2013

Download the [brochure](#).

Download the [enrolment form](#).
CLMA Workshop: The Toughest OLA Requirements – Solutions that work!

Clinical Laboratory Management Association Trillium Chapter presents:

The Toughest OLA Requirements - SOLUTIONS THAT WORK!

Do you struggle to meet these OLA Requirements?

- Competency Assessment
- Specimen Transport System Validation
- Root Cause Analysis
- Working with Others Beyond the Laboratory
- Management Review

Discover how this workshop can work for you!

Through interactive activities, this workshop will provide you with the opportunity to engage with colleagues in sharing industry best practices. Individual topic discussions will be facilitated by the CLMA Education Committee as well as members who have had great success in meeting the tough requirements – and who have figured out the ins and outs we should all know!

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Bloor Street, Great Hall

227 Bloor Street East, Toronto, ON M4W 1C8
Phone: 416-961-8116

Register early online at: https://www.regonline.ca/solutionsthatwork050813

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Limited Seating Available: Register before April 24, 2013

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