World Accreditation Day 2020: June 9

June 9, 2020 marks World Accreditation Day (#WAD2020) a global initiative, jointly established by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and International Accreditation Forum (IAF), to raise awareness of the importance of accreditation.

IQMH and World Accreditation Day

IQMH is internationally-recognized as a competent provider of ISO 15189 accreditation as a signatory (Mutual Recognition Arrangement [MRA]) of ILAC and its Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC). IQMH issues accreditation certificates within the MRA under its ISO 15189 Plus™ banner which means facilities and patients can rely on medical diagnostic test results that are recognized around the globe. IQMH-accredited facilities (medical testing laboratories, specimen collection centres, diagnostic imaging services, echocardiography labs) should be proud of their important contribution to quality improvement and patient safety. Our thoughts are with our healthcare colleagues during the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to support them in the provision of safe, competent and high-quality services for patients and their families.

This year’s World Accreditation Day theme focuses on how accreditation improves food safety, supporting the confidence of consumers, suppliers, purchasers, regulators and specifiers in the quality and safety of food.

Further information, including materials and details for celebrating #WAD2020, is available from https://ilac.org/news-and-events/world-accreditation-day-2020-2/
Potential service interruption to IQMH.org on June 4, 2020

You may experience service interruption to IQMH.org on Thursday, June 4, 2020 due to a major website migration project.

The service interruption may occur late in the afternoon on June 4 and is not expected to last longer than an hour.

Please make appropriate work-related arrangements in order to accommodate this service interruption.
COVID-19 Resources for Echocardiography Quality Improvement Program Participants

We’ve added some important links to recommendations published by CorHealth regarding services during COVID-19 to our Resources page.

**CorHealth Memoranda**

- CorHealth Memoranda CorHealth COVID-19 Cardiac Memo #2 – Recommendations for an Ontario Approach to Provision of Hospital Echocardiography Services During COVID-19
- CorHealth COVID-19 Cardiac Memo #5 - Recommendations for an Ontario Approach to Provision of Non-Hospital Echocardiography Services During COVID-19
- CorHealth COVID-19 Cardiac Memo #11 - Recommendations for an Ontario Approach to Triaging Echocardiographic Services During COVID-19
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Virtual Meeting

June 22 - September 25, 2020

IQMH will be presenting a poster entitled “Immunophenotyping for Lymphoproliferative Disorder in Canada.”

Authors: Sumedha Kulkarni, Amr Rajab, David Good, Elaine Leung, Tracy Martin, Brian Olsen, Jaimelyn Rara, Michelle Sholzberg, Miranda Wozniak, Hong Chang.

For more information, visit https://www.islh.org/2020-virtual/index.php
View the Cytopathology, Hematology, and Transfusion Medicine e-Learn LAB Modules

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- Organize group lunch-and-learn sessions and work on the cases together.
- Complete each module in as little as 15 minutes.
- Receive new modules periodically. Subscribe for notification when a new e-Learn is added to our library [https://iqmh.org/ess](https://iqmh.org/ess).
Other Industry Events

MLPAO Connect Day – North York
Saturday, October 17, 2020
North York General Hospital
4001 Leslie St, North York ON M2K 1E1
Visit the MLPAO website for details - CLICK HERE

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For Accreditation inquiries, please contact accreditation@iqmh.org, and for all other inquiries (Proficiency Testing, Education), contact info@iqmh.org.

Read the IQMH response to COVID-19.