



Terms of Reference

Working group: PoCT

The purpose of this document is to clarify the terms of reference for the EQALM working group (WG) for Point of Care Testing.

A WG is a set of EQALM members or third parties with an interest in a common project addressing scientific or educational external quality assessment (EQA) issues. The WG may focus on a particular speciality or on a specific topic. The working group must clearly define the area of interest, their aims, and objectives. The WG proposal should include specific objectives with associated timelines and must be approved by the Scientific Committee.

The EQALM Executive Board will appoint Chairs of WGs for a period of 3 years and this appointment is renewable once for a period of 3 years. Chair of WG may be issued from EQALM membership or third parties. The WG steering Committee consists of the chairperson of the WG and the project leaders. The Chair is responsible for the output of the WG and must report back to the Scientific Committee.

Tasks and purpose

1. Document performance characteristics of PoCT system as determined by EQA
2. Investigate EQA Analytical Performance Specifications for PoCT systems
3. Serve as a forum for PoCT EQA

WG Steering Committee

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Current projects

1. Determine the performance of PoCT systems for selected measurands in primary care settings – Survey of EQA providers
2. Develop an opinion paper describing EQA providers' risk in primary care settings.

Financial aspects

EQALM does not finance working group chairs or members. For specific and approved projects, the Executive Board can allocate financial support.

Publication list

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