

A Letter Regarding our CPD Activities

Thistle QA has a track record of successful and popular CPD activities. These have run for a number of years, in a variety of ways, but are all concerned with encouraging improvements in lab testing quality.

All CPD activities will show the Service Provide Number of MT 00025, which should be quoted on your CPD/CEU claim form. These are sent out monthly with Chemistry, Diff Slide and Microbiology EQAs and will be worth 3 CPD/CEU units per month of taking part. The points can be claimed through Intra Lab Small Group Activities. Please take note that the answers to the CEU questions **should not be submitted to Thistle**, but after having a group discussion around these questions, be filed in your lab for HPCSA audit purposes. If you have got any queries regarding this please contact Donald Alexander at the Med Tech Society or you can send an email to dalexander@iafrica.com

We do not issue certificates but you will find our number on every clinical case we send out. What we recommend is that the Thistle enrolment certificate for each lab be used as evidence that the appropriate points can be justifiably claimed. In other words a lab on the General Chemistry EQA would claim 3 points per legend for every tech involved in that particular exercise, as shown by an attendance register in the lab.

The CPD/ CEU points we offer:

1. Case studies for Microbiology, Diff Slides and Clinical Chemistry, sent out to all labs participating on the relevant EQA each month, with questions for small groups or individual study. Time approximately for each is one hour (3 CPD/CEU points).
2. Seminars and workshops on a variety of quality matters, lasting approximately two hours, and usually performed within individual labs, or to larger groups in a more organised venue (2 CPD/CEU points).
3. A course entitled Quality Control, consisting of five separate modules, each lasting approximately one hour, with questions for self assessment. Please inform Thistle when you need the answer sheets to these questions. We can forward these answer sheets by fax or email. (2 CPD/CEU point per module).
4. A major annual presentation of approximately six hours, with three speakers covering the major disciplines, in all major centres (6 CPD/CEU points).

We hope that this information helps with the answering of all your questions.

Yours sincerely

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