

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.

Each CPD activity will have its own individual Activity Number which is as follows:

- Seminars: **MTS 20/135**
- Quality Modules: **MTS 20/138**
- Haematology Legend: **MTS 20/134**
- Microbiology Legend: **MTS 20/137**
- Chemistry Legend: **MTS 20/136**

For each Legend or Quality Module, the Activity Number 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 1 CPD/CEU point 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 Carol Smith at the Med Tech Society.

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 1 point per legend for every tech involved in that particular exercise, as shown by an attendance register in the lab.

Should you require individual certificates for the legends/quality modules, kindly contact officeadmin@smltsa.co.za with the activity number for the particular activity that you require the certificate for (obtainable from Thistle) and it will be produced and the certificate will be sent to you directly.

The CPD/ CEU points we offer:

1. Case studies for Microbiology, Diff Slides/Haematology 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 (1 CPD/CEU point).
2. Seminars and workshops which are usually performed within individual labs, or to larger groups in a more organised venue (5 CPD/CEU points).
3. A course entitled Quality Control, consisting of five separate modules, each lasting approximately one hour, with questions for self-assessment. These Modules can be found on our website as well, www.thistle.co.za under "Education", under "Quality Control". Please inform Thistle when you need the answer sheets to these questions. We can forward these answer sheets by fax or email (1 CPD/CEU point per module).