

## Annual Performance Report for 2007

Dear Participant,

We are pleased to send you the latest quality report, covering performance on all EQAs up to the end of 2007. Now that we have a few years performance on a single graph, some trends should be visible.

To remind you, we show the percentage of poor results - those falling outside the clinically acceptable range - overall, for all analytes on each programme, thus creating a single figure for each EQA per year.

It is encouraging to see that most EQAs have very similar or better performance for last year. There has been a dramatic improvement in the performance on the Pregnancy EQA for reasons we do not know - Maybe everyone is correcting those "poor" performances! The only EQA with significantly poorer performance is the Lipid EQA and we will be looking at our systems and procedures to work out why. It may be the new "less precise" analytes covered on this EQA.

What should you do with this report? We hope it allows you to compare your own average poor figure with that of the overall data base. You can work this out simply by counting the number of poors shown in your report as a percentage of your overall results submitted to us.

We hope you find this graph interesting and would welcome any comments.

Dr Jim McCulloch  
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