

New EQA Programmes starting January 2009

Dear Participants,

We have finally come to the point where we are ready to introduce our 3 new EQA programmes namely: Liquid Cardiac, Urinalysis and Coagulation. The new Coagulation EQA will replace the current EQA for Coagulation. The enrolment forms will indicate the analytes that we will offer on these programmes, so, please have a look at that.

Very important: the Liquid Cardiac does NOT replace the current Cardiac EQA, but both will be available depending on your needs.

There will be a gap between the current Coagulation ending in October 08 and the new Coagulation starting in January 09. This is not ideal, but we feel that the advantages in an international programme are a lot more than the current national data base.

Urgent orders must be placed with Thistle QA if you are interested. We have to place the bulk order not later than the end of September 08. We are aware of the fact that this is very short notice, but these programmes were only finalized a week ago.

Please feel free to contact Thistle should you have any questions regarding these programmes.

Regards,

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