

The IQLM Mission

The Institute for Quality in Laboratory Medicine is dedicated to advancing health care through the improved use of laboratory tests and services. IQLM uniquely engages patients, clinicians, laboratory professionals, manufacturers, information and biotechnology experts, government and accrediting bodies to work together on generating substantial improvements in quality, effectiveness, safety and appropriateness for the broad universe of laboratory testing.

Goals for the Institute

The Institute will provide a forum for communication and networking among professional, consumer, government, industry, and other organizations concerned with the quality and safety of laboratory services.

The Institute will facilitate and provide educational opportunities to advance quality care.

The Institute will produce and facilitate scientific research and scholarly activity to promote improvements in laboratory testing and services to benefit the health of the public.

The Institute will serve as a source for information on laboratory practices.

The Institute will provide mechanisms for generating improvements in the quality and safety of laboratory tests and services throughout healthcare systems.

IQLM Newsletter Available to the Public

A new source of information on the quality of laboratory tests and services is now available to the public. The Institute for Quality in Laboratory Medicine announces the availability of the "IQLM Newsletter" for all parties interested in following the latest news affecting laboratory practices that lead to improvements in the quality, effectiveness, safety and appropriateness of care for patients. To sign-up for the newsletter, please go to: <http://www.iqlm.org/>. There is no charge for subscribing to the monthly bulletin.

"Part of the mission of the IQLM is to improve communication among all the partners in the delivery of laboratory services," noted Dirk Elston, MD, IQLM representative from the American Academy of Dermatology. "Signing up for the IQLM newsletter is one way medical colleagues can stay informed."

Another IQLM representative, Kathleen Sazama, MD, JD with the American Association of Blood Banks, concurred, “The IQLM newsletter is intended for all partners of the laboratory. We hope patients, laboratory professionals, physicians, manufacturers, accreditation agencies, and insurers will all find useful details in this monthly news report.”

Join the IQLM Volunteers

It has been gratifying to find so many individuals interested in participating in the Institute for Quality in Laboratory Medicine. Not a meeting goes by when someone approaches us and asks what they can do to become involved. Now, we have an answer!

The IQLM welcomes all individuals to volunteer their expertise to improve the use of laboratory tests and services. As volunteer opportunities become available, the IQLM will contact the appropriate individuals to see if they would be interested in working on specific projects. It's easy to volunteer! Please go to www.iqlm.org, then click on the “Volunteer” link. Please complete the registration form (so we know how to contact you and your learn of your areas of interest) then hit the submit key.

You are encouraged to share this link with others in your organization. The IQLM is gearing up for some major endeavors, and we want everyone involved. The IQLM Volunteer form will help us capture the multitude of talent.