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IFCC PoCT Task Force
Reporting Lines

- Reports to the IFCC Executive Board
- Was formed in 2012
The aim of the IFCC Task Force for Point of Care Testing is to promote quality in the use, performance, interpretation and reporting of Point of Care Testing across the full spectrum of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine.

To create a forum for high level discussion on a wide range of POCT related topics

To provide international leadership for developing the clinical practice of POCT in Laboratory Medicine
**PoCT Taskforce Objectives**

- Creation of a communication network for specialists who are expert in POCT. To include other POCT specialist groups; expert individuals in IFCC Full, Affiliate and Corporate Members; regulatory agencies and users of POCT.

- Definition, implementation, evaluation and reporting of a range of defined POCT projects. To include projects that address quality in POCT performance, the appropriate clinical use of POCT, connectivity and the cost effectiveness of POCT.

- Preparation of educational support material for those using or considering the use of POCT.

- Creation of a library of publications that document the clinical effectiveness of POCT and the impact on clinical outcomes across all disciplines including clinical chemistry, haematology and microbiology.
PoCT Task Force Members

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- Pascal Pernet
- Trevor Allison
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IFCC PoCT Website

- Under development
- Will hold useful resources for PoCT operators
- Email address to send any questions or requests for advice relating to PoCT
Thinking of Introducing PoCT – Things to Consider

Document Covers:
- Organisation and Management
- Selecting a suitable analyser
- Staff Training and Competency
- Role of PoCT Coordinator
- Traceability and Measurement
- Quality testing recommendations
- Errors
- Connectivity
- Safety and Waste Disposal
Working Groups

- Glucose Point of Care Testing - (WG-G POCT)
- How should Glucose Meters be Evaluated for Critical Care - (WG-GMECC)"
Potential Areas of Interest

- PoCT HbA₁C for diagnosis
- Role of PoCT troponin with the availability of laboratory high sensitive troponin assays
- PoCT assays for low resource countries
- Importance of good quality sample to get the best blood gas results
- PoCT quality control and external quality control - how much is enough
New Working Groups

- If you are interested in setting up a PoCT working group under the task force [http://www.ifcc.org/executive-board-and-council/ifcc-project-proposal-form/](http://www.ifcc.org/executive-board-and-council/ifcc-project-proposal-form/)