

# Call for manuscript submissions for a thematic eJIFCC issue on “Improving the preanalytical phase in laboratory medicine”

Guest Editor for the “Pre-analytical phase” issue: Gabriel Lima-Oliveira

The pre-analytical phase encompasses all the procedures before the start of laboratory testing. This phase of the testing process is responsible for a great deal, possibly the majority of the laboratory errors.

Diagnosis, management, treatment of patients and ultimately patient safety itself can be compromised by:

- patient preparation;
- patient posture;
- phlebotomy quality;
- kind/type of evacuated tube used to draw blood samples;
- sample centrifugation;
- sample transportation;
- sample contamination;
- time to analyze;
- sample storage;
- and more...

We aim to prepare a special thematic issue of the eJIFCC, entitled “**Improving the preanalytical phase in laboratory medicine**”, to be published in November 2019, to inform the laboratory

professionals and to seek to guarantee patient safety.

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Submitted manuscripts shall be reviewed normally, according to the regular procedures of the eJIFCC.

As Guest Editor, I would like to invite researchers from a wide range of disciplines to contribute to papers on recent and innovative research on Pre analytical phase.

### **Important deadlines**

- Deadline for submission of the tentative title (to the Guest Editor): **May 1, 2019**
- Deadline for submission of the manuscript: **July 31, 2019**

***Types of articles***

- Original Papers
- Critical Reviews
- Case studies

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