



# **IFCC PoCT Task Force**

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# Terms Of Reference

- To promote quality in the use, performance, interpretation and reporting of POCT 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 Growth

- Infectious and hospital-acquired diseases to facilitate rapid diagnosis and screening for prompt and efficient patient care.
- Resource-limited settings, where there is a shortage of trained medical and laboratory staff.
- Old age homes and pharmacies
- Remote patient monitoring to manage chronic disease eg diabetes, COPD, heart failure, hypertension and cancer

# Important Points for Successful PoCT Program

- Appropriate device selection
- Comprehensive training/certification program for users
- Appropriate quality testing
- Understanding of test limitations
- Connectivity to enable result sharing
- Integration into routine clinical care

**If these points are addressed PoCT implementation should be successful providing positive outcomes for patients**