

Invitation International Laboratory Medicine Case Contest

Dear Laboratory Medicine Fellows,

To promote the sharing of excellent IVD clinical cases globally, the "International Laboratory Medicine Case Contest", organized by Mindray in collaboration with the IFCC (International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine) organization, Laboratory Medicine New Media, Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital and International Journal of Laboratory Medicine, will take place on July 5. This event is themed "Laboratory: Vital to clinical diagnostic support and patient care". The winning cases will be presented by video on the official website of IFCC. We welcome submissions from a range of perspectives by laboratory professionals.

Yours sincerely,



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Organizers

- IFCC (International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine)
- International Journal of Laboratory Medicine
- Laboratory Medicine New Media
- Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital
- Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics Co., Ltd

Entry (Case) Requirements and Selection Criteria

Entry (Case) categories:

- **IVD cases:** You are recommended to submit any typical, misdiagnosed, special or rare cases that received definite diagnosis or successful treatment. Cases that involved the **communication between laboratory and clinical department** are especially recommended. For these cases, you should explain and analyze in detail how the laboratory played a part. (It should at least include the testing result of Hematology, or Chemistry or CLIA.)
- **Experience sharing:** Share with us any experience you've obtained during your daily work that can help to improve the work efficiency of laboratory professionals and to optimize the total laboratory quality systems.
New technologies and new applications: Elaborate on the development and clinical significance of new technologies and new applications used in laboratory.
- **Format:** You are required to include four sections in your entry: "**Case Introduction, Case Details, Case Analysis, and an Executive Summary**". The Case Details section must include: main medical history, positive test results, negative test results that are helpful for diagnosis, and diagnosis and treatment process.
- **IMPORTANT:** Always be mindful of protecting the patient's privacy. You can accomplish this by hiding key identifying information such as the patient's and blurring out the patient's body parts, if necessary, in photos.

First round of the contest

Please submit your entry (case) in a Word document (**in English**). You must send your entry by email to duanshani@gmail.com before **May 25**. The email should come in a subject that reads: country+name of the entry + name of the applicant

The scoring criteria are defined as follows:

Item	Scoring criteria	Total Score
Topic and content	Extent to which the topic is clearly defined (e.g., communication between laboratory and clinical department, experience sharing, new technologies and new applications, etc.); extent to which the content is closely relevant to the topic.	40
Scientificity and practicability	How novel the content is; how typical, representative and clinically instructive the case is.	35
Originality and correctness	Extent to which the case is investigated from a creative perspective; how innovative the content is; presence of obvious logical errors.	25

Second round of the contest

Applicants who are selected for the second round should present their case in a 6 to 8-minute long video. (You can invite the clinical doctor to give the presentation together if necessary) The video should be sent by email to: duanshani@gmail.com before **June 18**. The email should come in a subject that reads: country+name of the entry + name of the applicant.

The scoring criteria are defined as follows:

Item	Scoring criteria	Total Score
Score from first round	Score from first round x 50%	50
Video presentation	The level of verbal fluency, self-confidence, logicity, and correctness in presentation	50

Contest agenda

Date	Agenda
April 29	Launch of the event
April 29-May 25	Call for cases and submission of entries
May 26 - June 6	Evaluation of entries in first round (expert review)
June 19 - June 30	Video presentation of excellent cases (through IFCC newsletter and website)
July 5	Expert review of presented cases and online award ceremony

Awards

Award	Award Criteria	Number of Winners
First Prize	Ranking 1 to 2 by individual score	2
Second Prize	Ranking 3 to 5 by individual score	3
Third Prize	Ranking 6 to 10 by individual score	5
Excellence Award	All applicants who submit valid entries	