Expert Panel #1

EFFECTIVE AUDIT PRACTICES TO STRENGTHEN LABORATORY QMS TO ACCREDITATION
WHICH CHART MEETS ISO15189 REQUIREMENTS?
ACCORDING TO ISO15189, HOW OFTEN MUST A LABORATORY HOLD STAFF MEETINGS?

At least:
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually
Efforts in introduction of LQMS in laboratories across the continent grown significantly over the past 10 years

At forefront:

Ultimate objective of all these efforts:

QUALITY LABORATORY SERVICES THROUGH ACCREDITATION
HOW MANY LABORATORIES ACCREDITED TO DATE?

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SLMTA
CAN WE DO BETTER?

- One of the areas we can look at to improve are Audits

YES!
GOOD AUDIT PROGRAMS ARE CRITICAL

Can be the make or break in this process, especially in SLMTA Labs

- New to LQMS & Accreditation
- Limited Resources
- Limited technical support and guidance

Fulfill two main purposes in this process:

- Supporting development and implementation of system
- Checking system works and meets ISO requirements
SLIPTA Audits

- Most wide spread external audit for SLMTA Labs.
- ASLM data: May 2013 – Jan 2018, **319** laboratories in the region have undergone SLIPTA audits
HOW DO WE ENSURE AUDITS ARE AND REMAIN EFFECTIVE AT ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES?

- Expand on vital role Audits have in accreditation preparedness with focus on SLIPTA

- Gain insight from accreditation body on how to strengthen and use Audits.

- Discuss deficiencies and challenges (Laboratory & Auditor perspective)
HOW DO WE ENSURE AUDITS ARE AND REMAIN EFFECTIVE AT ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES?

- Learn about what is already ongoing to address some deficiencies and challenges
- Learn from past to develop future programs
- Calls to action
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Thank You!