

SLMTA/SLIPTA SYMPOSIUM

EXPERT PANEL #2 – ACCREDITATION: GETTING THERE AND STAYING THERE

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- Is getting accredited easy?
- Is getting accreditation possible?
- Which ISO standards are applicable in medical laboratories?
- How many accrediting bodies are in Africa?

What is key in accreditation?

- Management commitment
- Resources
- Accreditation plan
- Understanding of the standard? Training
- Staff commitment





ISO standards used in medical laboratories

- Different ISO standards for accreditation related to medical diagnosis
 - ✓ Medical Laboratories ISO 15189: 2012
 - Proficiency Testing Schemes/ EQA ISO 17043: 2010
 - ✓ POCT ISO 22870:2016
 - ✓ Testing and Calibration ISO 17025:2017
 - ✓ Manufactures of medical devices ISO 13485:2016
 - ✓ Medical laboratory safety ISO15190:2003
- Accreditation bodies are members of International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)



10 Accreditation bodies in Africa: Red- Full members Blue – Associate members

- 1. ALGERAC Algerian Accreditation ody
- 2. EGAC Egyptian Accreditation Council

3. **ENAO** – Ethiopian National Accreditation Office

4. **KENAS** – Kenya Accreditation Service

5. **MAURITAS** – Mauritius Accreditation Service

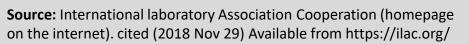
6. **NINAS** – Nigeria National Accreditation Service

7. **SADCAS** – Southern African Development Community Accreditation Service

8. **SANAS** – South African National Accreditation System

9. **SEMAC** – Moroccan Accreditation Service

10.TUNAC – Tunisian Accreditation Council





Staying accredited

Is maintenance of accreditation easier than getting accreditation?

What is key in maintaining accreditation?

- Management commitment
- Resources
- Internal audits?
- Continuous checks on maintaining status
- Management Review Meeting
- Reviewing and Improving the QMS
- Staff commitment

Final word

The future and success of accreditation in the continent depends on the decision makers.

A proper QA plan is important for implementation Accreditation succeeds or fails because of many reasons but management commitment is of key importance Quality cannot be compromised. Ignoring the requirements is more costly as patient lives are at stake.