

CALL FOR PAPERS

Supplement on the Public Health Laboratory System

Public Health Reports (PHR) is inviting articles for a Special Issue on improving the state public health laboratory system. The Guest Editor for this Special Issue, Dr. Frances Downes, Director of the Michigan Public Health Laboratory at Michigan Department of Community Health, will guide the manuscript selection. The journal is looking for manuscripts that focus on related topics such as:

- The state public health laboratory system
- The National Laboratory System
- Public health laboratory systems performance standards program
- Improving the public health laboratory workforce
- Global public health laboratory systems
- Emergency response networks
- Programs such as the influenza statewide laboratory surveillance system
- Newborn screening programs as a state network
- National Public Health Performance Standards Program as it relates to public health laboratories
- Roles of local public health laboratories
- National Laboratory Training Network

The Guest Editor encourages a broad range of manuscripts, especially those focused on improving the state public health laboratory system. The state public health laboratory system consists of all the participants in public health testing, including those who initiate testing and those who ultimately use the test results. This approach supports voluntary, interdependent partnerships of clinical, environmental, agricultural, and veterinary laboratories through public-private collaboration for assurance of quality laboratory services and public health surveillance. For more information, visit the Laboratory Systems and Standards program area at www.aphl.org.

Articles in *PHR* are typically 2,500–3,500 words in length. Longer manuscripts, when appropriate, will be considered. All manuscripts reviewed and approved by the Guest Editor and the *PHR* Editorial Committee will be sent for external peer review. The submission deadline for manuscripts is March 14, 2009. The anticipated publication date is Spring of 2010. Manuscripts should be sent by e-mail to manuscripts@publichealthreports.org or mail to: *Public Health Reports*, 7774 Heatherglenn Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45255.

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