Competency Assessment in the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory

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Registration Deadline: October 13, 2015

DESCRIPTION
The laboratory encompasses an invaluable part of the total health care provided to patients. Competency assessment is one method by which we can verify that our employees are competent to perform laboratory testing and report accurate and timely results. If we are to receive the greatest benefit from our competency assessment programs, which is a time-consuming process for both supervisors and staff, we must not only meet the letter of the law, but also find a way to make these assessments meaningful and instructive. This presentation will review the history of CLIA and current CLIA regulations regarding competency assessment, as well as review the responsibilities for each laboratory position according to the CFR (Code of Federal Regulations). The necessary elements required for a successful program will also be presented. In addition this presentation will include useful examples of competency assessment methods and tools that can be used to facilitate competency assessment activities.

OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this program, the participant will be able to:
- Describe the CAP/CLIA requirements for competency assessment for clinical microbiology laboratories
- List the components of a successful competency assessment program
- Design a successful competency assessment program for your clinical microbiology laboratory

SPEAKER
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AUDIENCE
This intermediate-level program is appropriate for laboratory professionals working in clinical, public health and academic settings.

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