

A hand is shown from the bottom, holding a glowing, spherical network of white lines and nodes. The nodes are small circles, some of which are highlighted in a light blue color. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and white. The overall image conveys a sense of global connectivity and digital technology.

Specific aspects of accreditation of PTs

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The PT Provider will change address of its offices

The PT Provider is willing changed the ToR of its advisory group for hematology testing and wants to include representative from Hematology medical society

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The PT provider will upgrade equipment/method use for homogeneity testing

The PT provider changed the way of distribution-not postal services but direct distribution by couriers

The PT provider started to provide cross frontier services so there are changes in packaging

The regulation for a regulated PT changes – regulation about the performance criteria of the method used by the participants



Assessment of rarely performed PT

[How to assess the competence for one scheme/one technical area of PT Organization when there are no activity after the first assessment but the PT Provider can document that there are the resources (i.e. staff/experts/sub-contractors)?

How can we accept to keep into the scope a sub-discipline that has not been active for sometime?

What could be the policy in these cases?

- *if a programme has not been run for several years accreditation could be maintained if the PTP retained, and it was evident, the competencies for running the programme, and that competency was able to be assessed*
- *it was generally expected that at least one round be run prior to accreditation being granted for a particular programme*
- *some accreditation bodies provide data sets as part of the assessment process to confirm competencies for particular types of statistical evaluation*

Assessment of fully IT enclosed systems for statistics

The PT provider has an IT subcontractor that created a web-based platform where participants submit data and the system automatically perform a statistics algorithm (outliers are excluded automatically and when the report is ready , each participant can see his performance with history data

How to assess?:

IT or not the assessor needs to verify the competence of the PTP provider for the evaluation of performance- so ...manually treatment of results

There is an issue if participant cannot see how the others performed

IT subcontractor will be evaluated by the PTP regarding the hosting of the process (requirements of confidentiality as well)

Other issues you may want to discuss?

Complaints? As a source of attention during audit

Preparation and packaging: regulatory requirements

Application of remote assessments to PT Providers

Cases of impartiality





Thank You Very Much For Your Attention.

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