



LHIN Laboratory Quality Management Team

Working collaboratively with the Laboratory Medical Directors Network, the LHIN Quality Management Team purpose is to build on the cultures of continuous improvement across the HNHB LHIN, monitor performance, oversee the implementation of appropriate, aligned, data-driven quality improvement initiatives, share successes, promote standardization and sustain improvement gains. The specific objectives for this team are:

- To develop and monitor key performance indicators that assess quality within the HNHB LHIN.
- To monitor and make recommendations about best practices within HNHB LHIN.
- To support the HNHB LHIN mission and objectives as well as those of the individual LHIN hospitals.
- To make recommendations to the Laboratory Medical Directors Network on the annual accountabilities for this team.

The team has chosen the following deliverables for 2013/ 2014.

1. Creation of a LHIN Laboratory Quality Improvement Plan
2. Quality Standards: Development and monitoring of key performance indicators and benchmarks i.e Troponin TAT
3. Standardization Projects: Standardization of Critical Values across the HNHB LHIN
4. Development of an OLA Assessment Team to share results, strategies resources when performing self-audits

Stay tuned for more from this team in the months to come.....

CONGRATULATIONS NIAGARA!!!

After years of planning and preparation the St. Catharines laboratory successfully moved to the new St. Catharines Site on March 24, 2013. Pictured are St. Catharines laboratory staff putting the first samples on the automated line on move in day."



Message from our Executive Director, David Langstaff.....

We are continuing to make progress towards our goal of building a leading practice, integrated, high quality laboratory system. On March 22, 2013 we received a letter from the Ministry of Health indicating their approval to proceed with the completion of the Stage 1 Capital Submission. This is a positive move forward! I would like to personally congratulate the staff and leadership teams at the Niagara Health System and the HRLMP for two highly successful moves in March! In Niagara, moving to the new St. Catharine's hospital has taken years of planning and preparation. In Hamilton, the Cytology teams have come together at the St. Joseph's site....forming a new team, sharing expertise and resources in support of our quality and efficiency goals! Way to go everyone! As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at AskDavid@hhsc.ca.

Did you know??

Population estimates for this region see the population rise from 1.4M (2011) to 1.7 M people in 2031!

