



LITS+ for Windows®

Laboratory and Epidemiologic Public Health Information Tracking and Reporting System

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HOT NEWS!!

LITS Plus for Windows now has Strain Matching Capabilities

Introducing a rapid strain identification capability with potential application for bioterrorism! Strain Matching, now in LITS Plus, provides an electronic method for laboratorians to rapidly and effortlessly compare test results of specimens they are attempting to identify with the laboratory's historical database of previously identified specimens.

LITS Plus for Windows moves from Beta to Production

The LITS Plus development team is making great progress!! Currently LITS Plus is in the *Beta* phase and selected CDC personnel and laboratorians are testing the system to identify system problems and suggest system enhancements. Once testing is complete, LITS Plus will move into *Production* and the system will be implemented in selected CDC laboratories for entering and tracking laboratory data. *Anticipated date- Late Fall 1999.*

New functionality of the month- Data Audit Trail meeting CLIA standards

Now keeping track of your data transactions is easier than ever with this hot new functionality! Transaction Log, a data audit trail, meets the standards set forth by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIA). The Log tracks all entries and modifications made to any question/ field or test associated with each specimen record along with a date-time stamp and user ID.

LITS Plus demonstration for state laboratorians

Did you know that we have LITS Plus demonstrations at CDC?

- ▶ States that have attended LITS Plus demos - Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia
- ▶ To schedule a site visit - Contact Dr. Nancy Bean, LITS Plus Program Manager at nth1@cdc.gov

Beginning LITS Plus User Group

Members of this “virtual” group will be able to share questions/comments about the system by posting them on an Internet based “bulletin board.” A LITS Plus support person will periodically review and respond to each message. For ideas/suggestions on how to make the group more “user friendly” or to be on the list please contact Prachi Mehta at pnm9@cdc.gov

New LITS Plus web page

Check out our all new LITS Plus web page at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/biostati.htm> for a LITS Plus fact sheet and data summaries from the Public Health Laboratory Information System.