

### **Division of Laboratory Systems**

# **CDC Update**

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#### **CLIAC Spring Meeting 2024**





# **CLIAC Recommendations**

DLS Initiative	Category	CLIAC Meeting
CLIAC Biosafety Workgroup	Biosafety	April 2016
ECHO Biosafety Program		
CLIAC Next Generation Sequencing Workgroup	Next Generation Sequencing	November 2021
Forum on Adoption of Standards for Laboratory Data Exchange	Laboratory Data Exchange and Harmonization	November 2021
OneLab Initiative	Laboratory Workforce	April 2022 November 2022
Clinical Laboratory Partners Forum Meeting	The Laboratory's Role in Advancing Health Equity	April 2023

CLIAC recommendation table can be found at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/cliac/meeting.html">https://www.cdc.gov/cliac/meeting.html</a>



## <sup>ms</sup> CLIAC Biosafety Workgroup

### Workgroup Charge

Charged with providing input to CLIAC for consideration in making recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on the potential additions to the CLIA regulations and the need for solutions that will provide a safe working environment for the nation's clinical and public health laboratories.

https://www.cdc.gov/cliac/workgroups/biosafety.html

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• Dr. Michael A. Pentella

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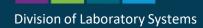
• Dr. Víctor R. De Jesús

#### **Ex Officio Members**

- Dr. Nancy Cornish (CDC)
- CDR Lane Vause (CMS)
- Ms. Amy Zale (FDA)

#### **CLIAC Member Representative**

Ms. Heather Duncan



## **ECHO Biosafety Program**

### **Upcoming Sessions**

April 30 - Planning: Developing and Achieving Biorisk Management Objectives
May 28 - Support: Resources, Competence, and Awareness
June 25 - Support: Communication and Documented Information



www.cdc.gov/safelabs/resources-tools/echo-biosafety.html

# Division of Laboratory Systems CLIAC Next Generation Sequencing Workgroup

### Workgroup Charge

Charged with providing input to CLIAC for consideration in making recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on education, training, experience, and competencies that CLIA should require to qualify personnel who perform next generation sequencing bioinformatic data analysis and interpretation.

https://www.cdc.gov/cliac/workgroups/ngs.html

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• Ms. Heather Stang

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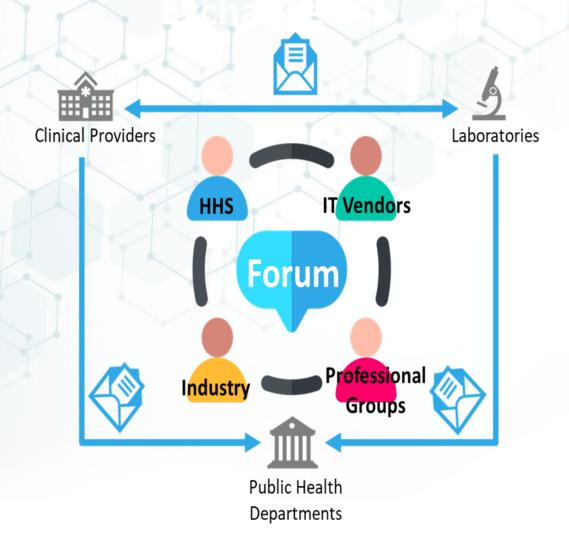
#### **CLIAC Member Representatives**

- Dr. Chester Brown
- Dr. Tanner Hagelstrom





### Forum on Adoption of Standards for Laboratory Data



#### **Challenges Presented**

- Frequent updates to informatics standards
- Financial burden on laboratories
- Knowledge gaps of end users

### **Suggestions Provided by the Forum**

- Increase informatics expertise within laboratories
- Create incentive programs for funding standards implementation
- Develop educational resources

### **Solutions In Progress**

• Resource depicting laboratory data exchange standards in public health



# **OneLab Initiative**

OneLab has experienced 83% membership growth since November 2023, now totaling over 22,000 unique members!



OneLab **Resources** 

OneLab training materials – eLearning and VR courses, job aids, webinars, videos, etc. – have attracted over

**168,000 registrations** in the first two quarters of FY24 – just 3,000 short of FY23 total in half the time

- OneLab VR "Centrifuge Safety" practice scenario is live
- "Fundamentals of Handling Compressed Gas Cylinders Safely" eLearning course released in November 2023
   <u>www.cdc.gov/onelab</u>



20,000+ learners with 9,000 new learners in the past six months



9,700+ members with 3,000 new members in the past six months



**3,700+ members** with **1,700 new members** in the past six months



### **OneLab Summit**

# Register for next week's OneLab Summit! April 16-18, 2024



#### **Thrive: People, Planning, Preparedness**

OneLab Summit is a free, annual virtual event that connects laboratory professionals in real time to support a unified response to laboratory education and training needs

#### **OneLab Summit attendees will**

- Increase their knowledge of laboratory training development tools and practices
- Gain insights from the clinical and public health laboratory community's success and resilience
- Collaborate and connect with CDC and laboratory education and training peers



### www.cdc.gov/onelab

# **Clinical Laboratory Partners Forum**

### **Next Meeting**

- May 22, 2024
- Theme: Early diagnosis of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and how
   the clinical laboratory can play a central role in identifying patients at risk for CKD

### Topics

- Standardization of use of CKD-EPI 2021 eGFR race-free equation across clinical laboratories
- Creation of a specific Kidney Panel combining eGFR and urine Albumin-Creatinine Ratio (ACR) for screening
- Standardization of test name for ACR to Albumin-Creatinine Ratio, Urine

https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/strengthening-clinical-labs/clin-lab-partners-forum.html

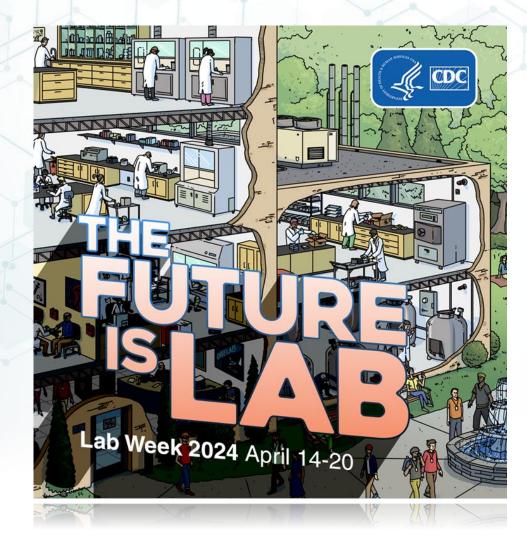
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### Medical Laboratory Professionals Week: April 14-20



### Join DLS in celebrating Lab Week 2024 by

- Showing thanks to a laboratory professional
- Participating in DLS's Lab Week activities
- Accessing our digital toolkit and content

### www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/lab-week/



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