

Follow Up to Last Year's QC for the Future Meeting

The 2006 CLSI Annual Leadership Meeting on April 26-28 is a follow up to last year's "QC for the Future Meeting" and will take place in Vienna, VA. This meeting will take the idea of customized QC for laboratories, generated at the 2005 CLSI meeting, using new manufacturer's risk management information located in the package insert, to the next level. CMS CLIA will provide an update of where we are with QC at this year's conference.

Since risk management is a somewhat unfamiliar concept to laboratories, this year's meeting will provide information and opportunity for discussion to laboratories on this topic. It will also allow for dialogue among the laboratories, manufacturers, and government agencies which oversee labs and laboratory test systems on QC issues and use of ISO risk management assessments.

As a result of last year's QC for the Future meeting, there is one CLSI guidance document on Risk Management for manufacturers in progress and another that will follow containing QC guidance for laboratories that will delineate the risk management information while considering the unique aspects of the laboratory's operation.

Meeting registration is available online at www.clsi.org.