



## **Expert Panel on Preexamination Processes Mission Statement**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Expert Panel on Preexamination Processes is to:

- Identify gaps in existing guidance, including emerging technologies, and recommend development of products to meet stakeholder needs
- Develop and maintain globally applicable consensus-based laboratory standards and guidelines, and other products that are scientifically and clinically relevant
- Define best practices, requirements, and recommendations through collaborative expertise, current evidence in scientific literature, and rigorous evaluation
- Collaborate with other CLSI expert panels, subcommittees, and document development committees, as applicable, as well as other professional organizations, manufacturers, and regulatory bodies when developing consensus documents and other products
- Ensure that consensus documents and other products are clear, practical, relevant, and developed in a timely manner

This committee supports organizational goals by promoting global harmonization and standardization, and worldwide adoption of high-quality practices to improve health outcomes.

### **Subject Matter Authority**

The Expert Panel on Preexamination Processes has the authority to provide subject matter expertise for the development and maintenance of standards, guidelines, and other products, including but not limited to:

- Laboratory preexamination processes within the scope of clinical laboratory practice, ie:
  - Patient identification
  - Patient preparation
  - Specimen collection
  - Specimen transportation
  - Specimen processing
  - Specimen stability
  - Specimen storage conditions

### **Boundaries and Limitations**

The Expert Panel on Preexamination Processes does not develop guidance on examination and postexamination phases, or clinical interpretation.

The Expert Panel on Preexamination Processes does not establish regulatory or accreditation requirements and does not mandate laboratory-specific implementation of CLSI standards or guidance. Its authority is limited to developing and maintaining voluntary consensus standards, guidance, and other products through CLSI's product development processes.

### **Conformance With Requirements**

The Expert Panel on Preexamination Processes operates in conformance with requirements detailed in *CLSI's Standards Development Policies and Processes* including committee responsibilities; membership composition, selection, and terms; and, committee operating guidelines.

### **Meeting Frequency**

The Expert Panel on Preexamination Processes meets monthly, or as needed.

### **Reporting**

The Expert Panel on Preexamination Processes reports to the Consensus Council.

### **Review and Revision**

This mission statement is reviewed annually. Updates must be approved by the Consensus Council.