



Expert Panel on Point-of-Care Testing Mission Statement

Purpose

The purpose of the Expert Panel on Point-of-Care Testing 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 Point-of-Care Testing has the authority to provide subject matter expertise for the development and maintenance of standards, guidelines, and other products, including but not limited to:

- Point-of-care testing performed with and without direct laboratory oversight
- Guidance and education that aligns with and is supported by laboratory regulatory and accreditation requirements as applicable to point-of-care testing
- Total testing cycle for point-of-care testing
- Application of quality management principles for point-of-care testing for laboratory and nonlaboratory personnel
- Guidance pertaining to patient self-collection, patient self-testing, direct to consumer testing

Boundaries and Limitations

The Expert Panel on Point-of-Care Testing does not provide direct guidance to patients on self-testing. Testing performed in central laboratories is excluded unless it specifically pertains to point-of-care testing.

The Expert Panel on Point-of-Care Testing 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 Point-of-Care Testing 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 Point-of-Care Testing meets monthly, or as needed.

Reporting

The Expert Panel on Point-of-Care Testing reports to the Consensus Council.

Review and Revision

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