

About us

IQMH is dedicated to excellence in healthcare in order to promote patient safety and quality of care. We help healthcare organizations implement and develop their knowledge of quality management systems.

IQMH is a not-for-profit corporation wholly-owned by the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) that offers proficiency testing, accreditation services, education and expertise in guideline development. We assist healthcare professionals in achieving high standards in quality management. With over 39 years of expertise behind it, IQMH stands on a firm foundation rooted in quality.



IQMH Symposium 2014
April 3–4 | Toronto, Ontario

From patient to paraffin: optimizing specimen quality from surgical suite to diagnosis

Who are we?

www.IQMH.org

Services

Medical lab proficiency testing. Access to comprehensive external quality assessment programs designed to promote optimal patient care, test reliability and performance improvement through the use of authentic clinical material, comprehensive reports and interactive educational feedback. The proficiency testing (PT) programs provide guidance on best practices for all laboratory medicine disciplines through the use of testing samples, questionnaires, case studies and webinars.

OLA 15189Plus™ accreditation. Demonstrate your commitment to patient safety when you become OLA 15189Plus™ accredited. Labs that achieve ISO 15189 accreditation standardize their processes, set up document control and implement a quality management system in order to address latent errors and improve patient safety.

Education and training. Source for information on proven quality management methods that work. Our interactive training series, webcasts, workshops and publications can help you develop your knowledge of quality management systems. Stay up-to-date on the latest developments in your field and learn about new best practices guidelines.

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The era of personalized medicine is upon us. Specific therapy, based on the nearly exponential growth in known genetic mutations, can dramatically alter the clinical course and cost curves for patients, insurers and providers.

This symposium is of direct interest to those professionally engaged in healthcare and medical research, and who are concerned with human tissue; in particular, in hospitals, blood transfusion centres, tissue banks, research units and medical labs. The symposium will also address issues of concern regarding consent to treatment and the relationship between doctor and patient.

This is an international meeting with speakers from Europe and North America. There will be interactive and plenary sessions, and an opportunity for industry exhibits.

Who should attend?

- Pathologists
- Physicians
- Medical laboratory technologists
- Scientists
- Policy makers
- Vendors

Venue

St. Andrew's Club and Conference Centre
16th Floor – Hall Garden
(located in the Sun Life Financial Tower)

150 King Street West
 Toronto | Ontario | Canada | M5H 1J9

P. 416-366-4228 | 1-800-267-7539

www.standrewsclub.ca

Accommodations

A group rate is available to registrants until March 3, 2014 (subject to availability) at the:

Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel

123 Queen Street West
 Toronto | Ontario | Canada | M5H 2M9

P. 416-361-1000

Use the following hyperlink to access the group rate:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/QLD02A>

Agenda

Day 1		
08:00–08:45	Continental breakfast and registration	
08:45–09:00	Welcome remarks	Greg Flynn
Session 1 moderator: Greg Flynn		
09:00–09:30	Defining quality differently: why today's standards will not serve tomorrow's patients	Robert Michel
09:30–10:30	Future use of FFPE tissue	Victor Tron
10:30–11:00	Refreshments	
11:00–12:00	Nucleic acid extraction from tissue	Suzanne Kamel-Reid
12:00–12:30	Panel discussion and questions	
12:30–14:00	Lunch	
Session 2 moderator: Suzanne Kamel-Reid		
14:00–15:00	Causes and effects of variation during the pre-analytical period	Caterina Marchio
15:00–16:00	Preservation of surgical specimens for morphologic and molecular evaluation by vacuum sealed, formalin-free tissue transport system	Dr. Richard Zarbo
16:00–16:30	Panel discussion and questions	
16:30	Reception	16th floor

Registration fee

\$500* (physicians and principal investigators)

\$250* (scientists, medical lab technologists, managers, students)

* Plus applicable taxes.

Continuing education credits

This event is an accredited group learning activity.

Day 2		
08:00–08:30	Continental breakfast	
Session 3 moderator: Aaron Pollet		
08:30–09:30	Ethics and the law: human tissue in quality assurance	Carol Cheung
09:30–10:30	Understanding the present to navigate the future: spotlight on gaps in preanalytic processes	Franco Visinoni
10:30–11:00	Refreshments	
11:00–12:00	SPIDIA the European initiative	TBD
12:00–12:30	Phosphomarker preservation in formalin-fixed paraffin embedded tissue samples	David Chafin
12:30–13:30	Lunch	
Session 4 moderator: Carol Cheung		
13:30–14:30	Steps to pre-analytical standardization	Greg Flynn
14:30–15:00	Round table wrap-up	
15:00	Closing remarks	

How to register

Register online at:

<https://www.oma.org/Resources/Documents/IQMHSymposium.html>

Learn and invest in quality at the very beginning of the diagnostic process.