

BC Society of **Laboratory Science** Presents



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with Sharmen Vigouret Lee & Colin Semple

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Continuous Improvement of the Laboratory Medicine Accreditation Program

For 40 years, the Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) has been accrediting diagnostic facilities and services in British Columbia. With a focus on continuous improvement, over the past 18 months the DAP has been implementing significant changes. This presentation will communicate information about these changes, why they have been implemented, and how this will impact accredited facilities and services.

Key topics that will be addressed include:

- Changes to the accreditation assessment methodology
- Accreditation of the DAP by the International Society for Quality in Health care (ISQua)
- Highlights from the new Accreditation Standards for Laboratory Medicine

Sharmen Vigouret Lee is the Executive Director of the Diagnostic Accreditation Program of British Columbia. Prior to the Diagnostic Accreditation Program, she was with the BC Cancer Agency where she served as the Agency's Chief Strategic Operations Office and Director of Quality Management. As a quality practitioner, Sharmen has been responsible for developing and implementing quality systems and programs within the public and private sectors. She has extensive experience implementing ISO 9001, Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, Accreditation Canada and the International Accreditation Programme (ISQua) accreditation programs. She has been an active participant on several boards and committees committed to quality, including the Quality Council of BC/BC Centre for Quality; Canadian College of Health Service Executives (CCHSE), the Patient Safety Advisory Committee of Accreditation Canada, and most recently, the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) Accreditation Federation. She is also active in the academic community, holding clinical appointments at the University of British Columbia (Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Medicine), and British Columbia Institute of Technology (Quality Management Program). Sharmen has a Master of Health Administration and Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science from the University of British Columbia and is a registered medical technologist.

Colin is Accreditation & Research Development Officer responsible for lab medicine and pulmonary function testing at the DAP. Colin has over 30 years of experience in clinical laboratories ranging from general duty work in small community hospitals to managing laboratory operations at a large multi-site tertiary care centre. In addition to teaching Clinical Microbiology at the Michener Institute, and acting as a consultant to the Provincial Laboratory Coordinating Office, Colin has worked as a Registered Technologist in almost all areas of pathology and laboratory medicine

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