

Building Governance and Regulatory Frameworks to Deliver Testing at the Point of Care

PANEL DISCUSSION

POC23 – SYDNEY

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Existing Governance and Regulations

- **TEST KITS**
- **TESTING SITES**
- **PERSONNEL**

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- Pre-market registration of IVDs

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- ❖ Evidence of performance – clinical and analytical
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TGA requires Sponsors of Class 4 devices outside of accreditation system to ensure users participate in an appropriate quality assurance program

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- Testing Regulations

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- ❖ Be accredited to ISO 15189
- ❖ Comply with NPAAC Guidelines & NATA-specific requirements
- ❖ Evidence of validation of tests for each sample type
- ❖ Participate in an accredited EQA/PT
- ❖ Have a QC program and review results
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- ❖ Comply with all requirements of accreditation

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- ❖ No existing mandatory governance structure
- ❖ No regulatory oversight by NATA/DoH/TGA

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- Governance

LABORATORY TESTING

Clinical governance overseen by Medical Pathologist

Testing performed by tertiary qualified scientist or technicians

Minuted, clinical governance meetings required

Corrective actions for detected non conformances monitored

Evidence of training and competency mandatory

Testing result covered through medical insurance

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- ❖ Some best practice examples in place
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