

Topics of Interest for future Joint Annual Meetings

Post-COVID burn-out/job vacancies?

Update use of convalescent plasma to treat COVID-19

Comparison of test methodologies for COVID-19

The effects on COVID 19 on education (colleges eg. MLS and MLT programs)

Pandemic assessments and preparedness. Planning for the next pandemic. What can labs do if there's no national plan for preparedness. What were the lessons learned from this one?

Evolution of COVID19 Serology Testing and What Does It Tell Us One Year Later?

A representative panel of MLS AGT and the Military in the COVID pandemic. Especially how or cases involving chemistry, hematology, genetic, and other real or possibilities. Including micro, BB, immunology, and urinalysis.

Public health lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic (for example, I saw a great article about a public health lab consortium with N. Dakota and S. Dakota and the military labs that allowed them to cooperate and trade resources to ramp up testing)

Recruitment of students to the CLS field

Patient Safety

Toxicology

Autoimmune disease diagnosis and monitoring: Laboratory tests to distinguish immune response to vaccination from immune response to natural infection. Laboratory tests to diagnose primary immune deficiencies.

More topics on Genetics, Epigenetics and Genomics

Some molecular genetics topics, like Next Generation Sequencing, or other molecular platforms.

More on molecular cytogenetically.

Bio nano workshop.

NGS hands on workshop.

Microbiology/PCR topics

crispr gene editing explained

Workshop for those who inspect labs on behalf of regulatory bodies, like CAP.

True Career Ladder Models for clinical setting; not just BOK or education curriculum focused

Professionalism - definition, mentorship, conference behavior, etc. (in particular for younger members)

Root cause analysis and improvement tools taught

Lean and Six Sigma processes taught and success stories shared

Hope to see topics from the military/federal gov members.

More case study type sessions. They seem to be more engaging and give the more relevant information we need in order to identify it in the lab.

More information on how we can advocate to be more of a part of the health care team, not just the lab rats in the basement.

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Health Disparities and how professional organizations can contribute to improving health indicators.

Membership engagement to improve retention of professional society membership.

Electrophoresis

Staffing and productivity.

Strategies for laboratories to adapt to a new healthcare normal.

Online clinicals with general topics and virtual labs...not specific to WHAT a program did to "pivot" to online.

More laboratory safety focused topics

World cancer rates

Availability of diagnostic labs globally

Interested in new/ongoing work on platforms for Cytogenetic translocations using sequencing and always looking for advice/help with lymphoma samples for Cytogenetic analysis.

Another self-care or wellness workshop would be good.

More discussion and topics presented on disparity and discrimination in health care.

Continue the health disparities discussions and how frontline laboratory professionals can get engaged in the needed solutions. Keep the conversation going about health disparities and how the lab can help!

More topics on diversity.

More on eliminating racial disparities

Topic on getting school age children interested and exposed to laboratory medicine.

Chemistry topics such as procalcitonin, sedimentation rate vs crp.

Specimen identification problems such as mislabeled and unlabeled and the issues associated with nonlab personnel who collect these.

Unconscious Bias

More POC topics

More on interprofessional education and practice that involves not only students, but the working lab professionals.

Diagnostic management teams, lab liaison programs, and working together with colleagues in other professions.

Improving communications between health professions, as well as recruitment efforts for hiring, succession planning, and raising the visibility of the profession.

Some sessions on science outreach and communication efforts.

More on cultural competence, diversity, and social determinants of health

Lab management topics (stress, resilience, burnout, workplace bullying, succession planning, etc)