



'Path2Quality'



Dear Colleague,

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As a practising laboratory medicine specialist, you know Ontario enjoys one of the safest and highest quality laboratory testing and diagnostic systems in the world. There are always opportunities, however, to raise the bar higher.

That is why the two organizations representing you have embarked on a collaborative initiative called 'Path2Quality'. As the consolidated voice representing the needs and interests of the profession, Path2Quality will serve as the key resource for practitioner input and provide advice to other key stakeholders on quality systems that support the analytic, diagnostic and interpretive skills of Ontario's pathologists. This advice includes identification and promotion of guidelines and standards that are intrinsic to quality assurance in our field, such as best practices, supportive infrastructure requirements for different practice environments, resource needs including funding and appropriate workload. Path2Quality will also synthesize the outputs from various stakeholders already engaged in quality management in the system for the purpose of clarifying for practitioners the standards and best practice guidelines that are most relevant to them and their practice environment.

Supporting us in this endeavour are representatives from QMPLS, Cancer Care Ontario, the OMA Board of Directors and other organizations that bring an expertise deemed essential to quality in laboratory medicine.

This concept was presented at the OAP Annual General Meeting in October and was well-received by attendees. In the months to come, we will be seeking your input and advice as we interact with these and other key stakeholders and begin to formulate strategies and recommendations. We hope we have your support and we welcome your ideas and feedback.

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