

Draft template for biennial activity report from JCTLM Member organizations

All JCTLM Members are invited to attend the Members' and Stakeholders' Meeting, which is held once every two years, and submit a report of their activities in support of traceability in laboratory medicine over the preceding period.

For that purpose this template document provides guidance to JCTLM Members for drafting their biennial activity report. Organizations are invited to provide the information below for submission to the Executive Committee.

Organization: AACC

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Period covered: 2015 – 2017

1. Major achievement(s) in support of standardization in laboratory medicine

AACC is a founding and continuing Council member in the International Consortium for the Harmonization of Clinical Laboratory Results (ICHCLR), the goal of which is to prioritize measurands for harmonization and, when feasible, to provide support for ongoing harmonization efforts. AACC has invested considerable effort in the US, advocating with Congress and working with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to secure additional federal funding for standardization/harmonization work.

2. Planned activity(ies) in support of standardization in laboratory medicine

AACC will continue its involvement in ICHCLR and its US advocacy efforts in support of harmonization.

AACC's Biomarkers of Cardiovascular Disease division is conducting a project to develop a universal 99th percentile for cTn assays; the results of this study will be submitted for publication in early 2018. The project involved establishing a universal sample bank of nearly 800 healthy subjects; AACC has made the sample sets available for purchase by assay developers and labs.

3. Promoting traceability in laboratory medicine

Harmonization, standardization, and traceability are featured in AACC's Annual Scientific Meeting program each year.

4. Reference laboratory networks /collaborations focusing on developing /implementing reference measurement systems

AACC has representation on multiple committees working on issues related to standardization and traceability.

5. Open questions and suggestions to be addressed by JCTLM

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