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PAC Policy on participation in Proficiency Testing

1. SCOPE

This document defines the policy for PAC's implementation of Proficiency Testing, It is applied for the assessment of all accredited testing, calibration laboratories

Note: According to ISO/IEC 17025:2017,

The laboratory shall monitor its performance by comparison with results of other laboratories, where available and appropriate. This monitoring shall be planned and reviewed and shall include, but not be limited to, either or both of the following:

- a) participation in proficiency testing;*
- b) participation in interlaboratory comparisons other than proficiency testing.*

2. Definitions

2.1. Proficiency Testing (PT):

The determination of the calibration or testing performance of a laboratory, or the testing performance of an inspection body against pre-established criteria by means of inter-laboratory comparison.

2.2. Proficiency Testing Scheme:

Proficiency testing designed and operated in one or more rounds for a specific area of testing, measurement, calibration or inspection.

2.3. Inter-laboratory Comparison (ILC):

Organization, performance and evaluation of measurements or tests on the same or similar items by two or more laboratories in accordance with predetermined conditions.

3. POLICY

PAC considers proficiency testing as an important tool in the review of the performance of laboratories. It provides a basis for improving the quality of testing and calibration.

PAC requires its applicant(s) / accredited laboratories to develop a plan for "four years" participation in Proficiency Testing schemes, relevant to their scope. PAC will review this plan and its implementation by the Laboratory.

It is PAC's policy to encourage Laboratories to participate in PT schemes that are being operated



in their areas, also encouraging the formation of new proficiency testing schemes where considered necessary and cost effective for the laboratories.

Regionally, PAC also encourage its accredited laboratories for achieving some proficiency testing schemes by subscribing this CAB's in the frame work of cooperation with the regional accreditation bodies in the fields of calibration , testing and medical laboratories, PAC nominates the required number of required accredited CABs and send the nomination to the region and then receives the samples to be distributed on the selected CABs, PAC follow the process for the participated CABs until it is completed with its results.

4. Types of accepted proficiency testing:

For accreditation; the acceptable types of proficiency testing in the following order according to availability are:

- 1. Accredited Proficiency testing schemes according to (ISO/IEC 17043:2010).*
- 2. Unaccredited PT schemes.*
- 3. Inter laboratory Comparison designed primarily for other purposes ,*
- 4. Measurement audit , in case of impossibility implementing with any of the above .*

5 PT requirements.

5.1 PT requirements for applicant Lab.

Applicant Lab shall provide proficiency testing, at least one PT in each Discipline according to PAC scope of accreditation demonstrated at (Annex I) for the (testing / calibration) laboratory.

Applicant also shall provide a plan of proficiency testing cover the rest of CAB accredited scope (testing / calibration) according to PAC Sub-Discipline activities to implement it during its accreditation cycle (four years)

The required frequency of participation in the proficiency testing should be relevant to the technical scope as will be assessed by PAC, however it should not in any case be less than the frequent time explained in clause (9) below (within the period between two subsequent reassessments) for each sub discipline of the laboratory's scope of accreditation.

disciplines may need to be divided into more sub disciplines to clarify its PT schemes; this will be advised by PAC assessors / experts. disciplines and sub disciplines as illustrated in Annex I and are published on PAC's website.

5.2 PT requirements during the Document review and preliminary assessment

The quality and extent of the accompanying documentation allow for a correct evaluation of the proficiency testing already carried out.



Assessors shall check the following before starting the assessment:

- *The plan for the participation of the laboratory in the PT schemes, along with its justifications.*
- *The successful execution of this plan, according to the laboratory's success report.*
- *The results achieved in proficiency tests are adequately documented in the laboratories before they can be considered as part of an accreditation procedure.*
- *Accredited laboratories are maintaining their own records of performance in all types of proficiency testing, including the outcomes of investigations of any unsatisfactory results and any subsequent corrective actions.*
- *The period for keeping the records of proficiency testing results and other documentation is at least (Previous and Current) accreditation cycle, to establish the competence and stability of the accredited laboratory.*
- *Accredited laboratories shall have a written procedure covering participation in proficiency testing, including how the performance in proficiency testing is used to demonstrate the laboratory's competence and procedures followed in the event of unsatisfactory performance.*
- *Assessors shall check the conformity of the frequency and regularity of the laboratory's participation in the proficiency testing with regard to PAC policy.*

5.3 PT requirements during the assessment process

During the assessment, the assessment team will obtain the laboratory's plan for participation in the proficiency testing schemes and a report on the participation of the laboratory in proficiency tests. This report of proficiency tests shall always be part of the documentation of the laboratory's accreditation or sequential assessment procedure. Such a report should contain:

- *Plan for the participation of the laboratory in the PT schemes.*
- *Success reporting of this plan.*
- *Dates of proficiency tests already carried out.*
- *Organizer of PT scheme.*
- *Test materials, measured quantities, parameters, artifacts, calibration equipment.*
- *Matrices (where applicable).*
- *Acceptability criteria.*
- *Results (satisfactory/questionable/unsatisfactory)*
- *Corrective actions and follow ups, where required.*

If the laboratory submits a greater number of proficiency tests, then the assessment team should limit its assessment to a sufficient number chosen in a representative way. From the survey on proficiency tests and considering the above mentioned main points, proficiency tests that are to be checked on-site are to be selected by the assessment team

The laboratory shall be prepared to justify non-participation in readily available proficiency testing schemes, where one or more appropriate schemes exist.



6. Corrective actions and additional measures

According to ISO/IEC 17025:2017

Data from monitoring activities shall be analysed, used to control and, if applicable, improve the laboratory's activities. If the results of the analysis of data from monitoring activities are found to be outside pre-defined criteria, appropriate action shall be taken to prevent incorrect results from being reported.

CAB should make analysis for PT report results (Satisfactory/ questionable / Unsatisfactory), PAC will accept the PT provider's acceptance criteria if available based on Laboratory analysis, otherwise it will set one according to the PT results presented to the laboratory.

The laboratories (Testing / Calibration) are required to make the results available to be analyzed by PAC. These results should be adequately documented in the laboratories before they can be considered as part of an accreditation process.

The laboratories are required to demonstrate their ability to take the necessary corrective action when appropriate.

Records of proficiency testing results should be analyzed and kept, to establish the competence and stability of the accredited laboratory.

The general conclusions that have been drawn by the laboratory from the participation in proficiency tests concerning their work and, if necessary, where corrective actions have been taken, shall be studied by the assessment team.

If the laboratory doesn't have satisfactory results then, the explanations and corrective actions shall be checked for sufficiency and suitability. The assessment team shall study these actions to gain information about a laboratory's competence. These actions may include the following internal and/or external quality measures:

- *Calibration of measuring devices.*
- *Use of quality control charts.*
- *Performance of duplicate/multiple determinations/measurements and appropriate statistical methods.*
- *Use of standard methods for calibration/ testing.*
- ***For testing (including medical laboratories):***
 - *Regular use of certified reference materials, where appropriate or use of purchasable or in-house calibration and control materials.*
 - *Introduction of "blind" test materials into the laboratory (e.g. by the Quality Manager).*
- ***For calibration:***
 - *Regular use of cross checks methods, where appropriate and the use of higher level calibrations.*



- *All kinds of proficiency tests already carried out on the laboratory's own initiative.*

In any case, if there are doubts concerning the competence after studying the corrective actions, the technical assessor should find out - in agreement with the laboratory - whether interlaboratory comparisons with other laboratories or the participation in existing interlaboratory comparison schemes should be performed. The extent, selected type, the way of performing and evaluating the proficiency tests shall be explained to the laboratory by the assessment. Other internal as well as external quality measures may be considered, e.g.:

- *To repeat the PT.*
- *To check internal quality assurance measures.*
- *To ask for detailed report on corrective actions.*
- *To make an on-site surveillance*

7. Additional proficiency tests may be required when:

- A significant Changes of personnel / main used std. operating in the accredited scope, which may affect the technical competence of the laboratory,*
- External quality measures taken for the test methods/types of tests applied in the scope of accreditation are not sufficient, regarding, e.g.:*
 - *Number of proficiency tests performed in specific scopes*
 - *Extension of the scope of accreditation*
 - *Insufficiently validated and documented in-house methods*
 - *Procedural steps deviating from the test standard*
- A significant ratio result of the proficiency tests submitted by the laboratory is unsatisfactory as defined by the acceptability criteria.*
- The conclusions drawn and the necessary corrective actions of the laboratory have not been carried out or documented, or are in-sufficient*
- Assistance in detecting systematic errors in the laboratory is needed and if the laboratory has no other means to provide evidence of its technical competence and quality of measurement.*

8. Determination of acceptability criteria

8.1 General rules

Generally the assessment team should use the criteria stated by the organizer of the proficiency testing scheme.

If the organizer of inter-laboratory comparisons does not provide any criteria for acceptance of results (e.g. inter-laboratory comparisons for validation of procedures and/or certification of reference substances), then the laboratory, under assessment, shall define its own acceptance limits. The assessment team will verify the criteria in use (defined either by PTP or by the



laboratory) for suitability.

8.2 Regulatory authorities' criteria

If the laboratory is active in a mandatory area, the assessment team should use the criteria set by the regulatory authority.

If the laboratory is not active in a mandatory area, but is taking part in the proficiency testing scheme established by regulatory authority for purposes of internal quality assurance, then the assessment team should use the criteria defined for the intended use by the laboratory, after checking the ability of the laboratory to set criteria and their suitability.

Note: *The criteria set by the authority or customer should normally have precedence over the criteria given by the accreditation body*

9. Proficiency Testing frequency

- For Calibration laboratories fields:

PAC accept PT for its calibration laboratories activities according to each of its and Sub-discipline to be renewed each accreditation cycle (four years) unless there is no change at the laboratory scope. (back to 6.a :6e).

- For Testing laboratories fields:

- a) *PAC accept PT for its testing laboratories activities according to its each Sub-discipline:*
- *As defined in Annex I.*

to be renewed each accreditation cycle unless there is no change at the lab. (back to 6.a :6e).

- b) *For critical sub-discipline (field/s) :*

- *Biological Testing.*
- *Environmental Tests.*
- *Food Tests.*

to be renewed each (2 years/Cycle) unless there is no change at the lab. (back to 6.a :6e).

10. Results for participating on a successful Proficiency testing

If the laboratory did not participate or has unsatisfactory results (for more than two successive participations) , then:

- *In the initial or reassessment process its accreditation will not be completed.*
- *For the laboratory which is already accredited It will be partially suspended, reduced of its scope or withdrawn according to PAC's procedures and regulations.*



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11. REFERENCES

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Annex (I) PAC scope of accreditation for (Testing/Calibration / Medical)

No	Field	Discipline		Sub- Discipline	
		Code	Name	Code	Name
I	Calibration Laboratories	A	<i>Electrical quantities /DC and Low Frequency (< = 1 MHz) quantities</i>	1	<i>Voltage AC & DC</i>
				2	<i>Current AC & DC</i>
				3	<i>Voltage Ratio</i>
				4	<i>AC/DC transfer (voltage and current)</i>
				5	<i>Power and Energy</i>
				6	<i>Resistance</i>
				7	<i>Capacitance</i>
				8	<i>Inductance</i>
				9	<i>Dissipation Factor</i>
				10	<i>Oscilloscope Functions</i>
				11	<i>Process calibrators</i>
				12	<i>Logic State Analysis</i>
				13	<i>High Voltage quantities</i>
		B	<i>Electrical quantities /Microwave & High Frequency (> 1 MHz) quantities</i>	1	<i>Modulation (AM, FM, PM)</i>
				2	<i>Impedance (reflection coefficient)</i>
				3	<i>Power</i>
				4	<i>Attenuation</i>
				5	<i>Adaptors</i>
				6	<i>Antennas</i>
				7	<i>Function Generation</i>
				8	<i>Spectrum Analysis</i>
				9	<i>S-parameters</i>
				10	<i>Noise</i>
				11	<i>Electric/Magnetic Field quantities</i>
		C	<i>Magnetic quantities</i>	1	<i>Magnetic Flux Density</i>
				2	<i>Magnetic Material properties</i>
		D	<i>Time and Frequency</i>	1	<i>Time Interval</i>
				2	<i>Frequency</i>
				3	<i>Rise/Fall Time</i>
				4	<i>Phase Angle</i>
		E	<i>External Dimensional Quantities</i>	1	<i>Length Measurements:</i>
				1.a	<i>Laser Wavelength</i>
				1.b	<i>Length Gages</i>
				1.c	<i>Line Scales & Distances</i>
				1.d	<i>Length Measuring Instruments</i>
				1.e	<i>Diameter</i>
				4	<i>External Micrometer</i>
				1.g	<i>Roughness</i>
				1.k	<i>Work Pieces</i>
				1.i	<i>Coordinate Measuring Machines</i>
		1.j	<i>Machine Tools</i>		



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		Code	Name	Code	Name
			Angle Gauges	2	<i>angle measurements:</i>
				2.a	<i>Angle Gages</i>
				2.b	<i>Index Tables</i>
				2.c	<i>Clinometers</i>
			Dimensional Gauges	3	<i>Gauge Block</i>
				14	<i>Surface plate</i>
				15	<i>Gauge Block Compartor</i>
			External Dimensional Quantities	5	<i>External Micrometer</i>
				6	<i>Caliper</i>
				7	<i>Ruler</i>
				8	<i>Dial Indicator</i>
				9	<i>Internal Thread</i>
				10	<i>External Thread</i>
				11	<i>Tape</i>
				12	<i>Depth gage</i>
				13	<i>Height gage</i>
				15	<i>Steel Square angle</i>
				16	<i>Profile projector</i>
				17	<i>Round test</i>
				18	<i>Microscope</i>
				19	<i>Linear scale</i>
				20	<i>Contracer</i>
				21	<i>Surftest</i>
			Dimensional Equipment	22	<i>Formtracer</i>
				23	<i>Laser scan micrometer</i>
				24	<i>Dial Gauge tester</i>
		F	Force	1	<i>Load Cell</i>
				2	<i>Strain Gauge</i>
				3	<i>Load cell Machine</i>
			Mass		<i>Standared Mass Set</i>
					<i>Balances</i>
					<i>Mass Compartor</i>
			Pressure	4	<i>Pressure Transducer Hydraulic</i>
				5	<i>Pressure Gauge – Hydraulic</i>
				6	<i>Pressure & Vacuum quantities pneumatic</i>
				7	<i>Pressure Safety valve</i>
			Torque	8	<i>Torque cell</i>
				9	<i>Torque wrench</i>
				10	<i>Acceleration, Speed, & Vibration;</i>
		G	Acoustical quantities	1	<i>Microphones</i>
				2	<i>Sound Level</i>
				3	<i>Artificial Mastoids</i>



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		Code	Name	Code	Name
				4	Noise Dosimeters
	H	Fluid quantities		1	Gas and Liquid Flow Rate
				2	Volume of Flowing Gases and Liquids
				3	Velocity of Gases
				4	Mass, Volume, & Density of Gases/Liquids
				5	Viscosity
	I	Optical quantities		1	Quantities of Optical Radiation
				2	Photometric quantities
				3	Optical System properties
				4	Lasers
				5	Fiber Optics
				6	Spectrophotometer
	J	Resistance Thermometer		1	Platinum resistance thermometers
				2	Thermocouples
				3	RTD
			Glass thermometer	4	Liquid-In-Glass Thermometers
			Radiation Thermometer	5	Radiation Thermometers
			Humidity	10	Infrared thermometers
				6	Humidity
				7	Thermo-hygrometer devices
				8	wood and grain moisture meters
			Temperature sources	9	Temperature indicator and simulator
				10	Dry blocks
				11	Incubator
				12	Baths freezer and refrigerator
				13	Climatic chambers
		14		Oven	
	K	Medical Equipment		1	Airway/Low/High Pressure
				2	Volume (Low/High) Flow, Air Flow Speed
				3	Heart Rate, Synchronization, External Non-Invasive Pacer
				4	Respiration, Oxygen Concentration
				5	Pulse Amplitude/ Rate/ Width, & A -V Interval
				6	Function generation
				7	R-wave Detection
				8	Temperature, Relative Humidity
				9	Electrical properties: (Voltage, Earthlings, Leakage ...)
	L	Environmental Equipment		1	Particle size/counter devices
				2	Air content analyzers



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		Code	Name	Code	Name				
				3	Water content analyzers				
				4	Noise				
				5	Dust				
				6	Lux meter				
				7	Gas analyzers				
				Testing Technology:					
				2	Testing Laboratories	A	Chemical	1	Wet Chemistry
2	Spectroscopy								
3	Chromatography								
4	Surface Analysis Techniques								
5	Electrochemical								
6	Thermal Analysis								
7	Combustion								
8	Corrosion								
B	Physical Properties	1	Density						
		2	Particle size						
		3	Porosity						
		4	Colligative properties						
C	Mechanical Quantities	1	Tensile						
		2	Compression						
		3	Shear						
		4	Torsion						
		5	Fracture						
		6	Impact Resistance						
		7	Hardness						
		8	Material properties						
		9	Metallography						
		10	Machines: (such as Impact Testing Machines, Tensile Machines ...)						
D	Electromagnetic properties	1	Electrical Resistance						
		2	Electrical Current						
		3	Electrical Voltage						
		4	Electromagnetic Compatibility EMC						
E	Environmental Tests	1	Potable Water (organisms, organic ...)						
		2	Non-potable (Sea Water, Irrigation ...)						
		3	Waste Water (industrial, agricultural...)						
		4	Water Sediments & Mussels						
		5	Radiochemistry						
		6	Solid/Hazardous Waste						
		7	Lead						
		8	Asbestos						
		9	Air [Chemical (content, contamination						



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					...) & Physical (particles, color, density ...)]
		F	Biological Testing	1	Plant Virology
					Human Virology
				2	Bacteriology
				3	Biology
				4	Microbiology
		G	Others	1	Sensory testing
				2	Thermodynamics
		Products Testing:			
		H	Construction Material	1	Concrete
				2	Cement
				3	Masonry
				4	Bituminous Materials
				5	Asphalts, Road Oils, & Tars
				6	Lime and Limestone
				7	Marble
				8	Soils
				9	Doors & windows (Frames, Locks ...)
		I	General Materials	1	Adhesives and sealants
				2	Fasteners
				3	Agricultural
				4	Animal Products
				5	Foods (animal & vegetal food, dietary, beverages, ...)
				6	Animal Feeds
				7	Additives & Supplements
				8	Fertilizers
				9	Residues in food and agricultural products
				10	Herbicides, Insecticides, & Pesticides
				11	Mineral Water
				12	Seeds & Grains
				13	Soil and Plant Analysis
				14	Fuels: (Gaseous, Liquid, Solid)
				15	Petroleum Products
				16	Coal
				17	Lubricants
				18	Oil & Soap
				19	Drugs
				20	Ferrous Metals
				21	Non Ferrous Metals
				22	Plastics & Polymers



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		Code	Name	Code	Name
				23	Rubber & rubber products
				24	Leather
				25	Paint
				26	Textile
				27	Carpet & Floor Covering
				28	Pharmaceutics
				29	Paper
				30	Cigarettes & Tobacco
				31	Wood
				32	Glass
				33	Ceramics
				34	Leather
				35	Coating
				36	Electrical Cables & Insulations
				37	Car Spare parts
				38	Home Appliances
				39	Fire Protection Equipment
				40	Telecommunication Equipment (TV & Radio)
				41	Air Conditioners
				42	Lighting
				43	Foam & Packing Materials



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Proficiency Testing Participation Acceptance number and period with References

Medical Labs:

<i>Discipline</i>		<i>Sub- Discipline</i>		<i>No. of PT</i>	<i>Renewal Period</i>	<i>Reference</i>
<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>			
A	General chemistry	1.	<i>Routine Chemistry (Analytes in general use in cardiac, liver function, ...etc)</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		2.	<i>Blood gases and electrolytes</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
B	Special chemistry	1.	<i>Special chemistry (Hormones, Vitamin assays, Iron studies. Drug assay, Protein electrophoresis, etc)</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		2.	<i>Clinical toxicology and toxic metals</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		3.	<i>Miscellaneous tests</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
C	Hematology	1.	<i>General Hematology</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		2.	<i>Special Hematology (Coagulation studies, platelet function, hemoglobin electrophoresis, bone marrow examination, film examination for haemoparasites.etc)</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		3.	<i>Immunochemistry</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		4.	<i>Flow cytometry</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>



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<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>			
		5.	Miscellaneous tests	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
D	Diagnostic Immunology	1.	General Immunology (Immunoglobulin and complement assay, autoantibodies assay, cellular function, tumor markers, serology (syphilis,...), immunofixation electrophoresis, etc.)	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		2.	Immunophenotyping	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		3.	Tissue typing	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		4.	Miscellaneous tests	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
E	Anatomic Pathology /Histopathology	1.	Anatomic Pathology Processing (routine histopathology of biopsy material .,etc)	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		2.	Intraoperative Consultation	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		3.	Autopsy Pathology	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		4.	Molecular Anatomic Pathology	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		5.	Miscellaneous tests	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme



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F	Anatomic Pathology /Cytopathology	1.	<i>Effusion cytology</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		2.	<i>Gynecologic Cytopathology (other than cervical)</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		3.	<i>Non-Gynecologic Cytopathology</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		4.	<i>Fine needle aspiration cytology</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		5.	<i>Miscellaneous tests</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
G	Anatomic Pathology/ Immunohistochemistry	1.	<i>Immunohistochemistry</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
H	Microbiology	1.	<i>Bacteriology</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		2.	<i>Mycology</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		3.	<i>Mycobacteriology</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		4.	<i>Virology</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		5.	<i>Parasitology</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>



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		6.	Molecular Microbiology	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		7.	Miscellaneous tests	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
I	Serology	1.	Serology for infectious diseases	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		2.	Miscellaneous tests	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
J	Clinical Cytogenetics and Molecular Pathology /Biochemical genetics	1.	Metabolite analysis	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		2.	Enzymology	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		3.	Newborn screening	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		4.	Long-term storage of tissue cultures	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		5.	Tissue culture and long-term storage	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
		6.	Miscellaneous tests	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme
K	Clinical Cytogenetics and Molecular	1.	Blood	Continuous programs (Cycles)	According to the PT provider's scheme	PT provider's scheme



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	Pathology /Cytogenetics	2.	<i>Bone marrow</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		3.	<i>Amniotic fluid</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		4.	<i>Chorionic villus tissue</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		5.	<i>Other tissues - non malignant</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		6.	<i>Other tissues – malignant</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		7.	<i>Conventional Cytogenetics</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		8.	<i>Fluorescent In-Situ Hybridisation</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		9.	<i>Molecular karotyping by microarray analysis</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		10.	<i>Miscellaneous tests</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		L	Clinical Cytogenetics and Molecular Pathology /Molecular Pathology	1.	<i>DNA sequencing</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>
2.	<i>Prenatal genetic testing</i>			<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>



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		3.	<i>Pre-imschemetation genetic testing</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		4.	<i>Genetic testing for constitutional gene variants (diagnostic and carrier testing)</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		5.	<i>Predictive genetic testing</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		6.	<i>Pharmacogenetic testing (results influence drug prescribing decisions)</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		7.	<i>Genetic testing for mosaic gene variants (cancer and somatic mosaicism)</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		8.	<i>Screening for an unknown mutation</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		9.	<i>Assay for a defined mutation or polymorphism</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		10.	<i>Assaying heterozygous loci</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		11.	<i>Calculated estimate of risk of inheritance of an unknown mutation (Bayesian and linkage calculations)</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		12.	<i>Miscellaneous tests</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
M	Blood Bank and Transfusion Medicine	1.	<i>Tests for blood transmitted diseases</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>



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		2.	<i>Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Services</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		3.	<i>Immunohematology((ABO group&Rh type),Antibody Detection (transfusion),Antibody Detection (Non transfusion),Antibody Identification,Compatibility testing))</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		4.	<i>Miscellaneous tests</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
<i>N</i>	<i>Others</i>	1.	<i>Assisted reproduction procedures tests</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		2.	<i>Point-of-Care Testing</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		3.	<i>Urinalysis</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		4.	<i>Semen analysis</i>	<i>Continuous programs (Cycles)</i>	<i>According to the PT provider's scheme</i>	<i>PT provider's scheme</i>
		5.	<i>Miscellaneous</i>			
	<i>Other please Specify</i>					