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# **Commentary on Proficiency Testing Survey 2017-3**

## General

## H2 Hematology Plus

For this proficiency testing survey, participants who use the Microsemi or the Micros to assay CRP received a new sample in which they could measure Hematology and CRP. Are you interested in how the individual machines and analyses performed in this proficiency testing survey? At <u>www.mqzh.ch</u> under «survey» you can find the «Target values» or the «Survey report»

## G11 CoaguChek XS

As expected following guidance from Roche, the CoaguChek XS test strips produced sporadic false results in the external and internal quality controls. Patient results are not affected by this problem.

## **MQ Online**

You can now access the results online and download your analyses at online.mqzh.ch. Your login details and password can be found on the last page of your evaluation.

### New Fax number

Analog telephony will be abolished after 2018. Communication with Fax machines over digital lines can cause problems. Our new Fax number **043 508 07 02** will remain active for the time being, but we recommend that protocols be sent by e-mail and that results be accessed online.

## Insufficient proficiency testing survey results

The cause of insufficient Proficiency testing survey results must always be clarified. All measures must be documented in writing. In order to simplify this clarification, we have developed a checklist, which is optimized for the MQ Proficiency testing surveys. You can find this checklist at <u>www.mgzh.ch</u> under «Aids»

#### Internal quality controls

On our website under «Aids» you can find a pdf file of our control chart for the internal control chart as well as an Excel table with which the results can be presented graphically.

## SVA Congress at Davos 2017

We will be participating in the SVA Congress in Davos again this year and look forward to meeting you on our stand.

## Proficiency testing survey data

The next proficiency testing survey will be dispatched on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

The scheduled proficiency testing surveys for the year 2018 are on February 27, May 29, August 28, and November 6.

Is your practice closed during one of these weeks? Then please send or fax us a short note. We will then send you the samples two weeks later.

With friendly greetings

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