

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC) Workgroup Institute of Medicine Report: *Improving Diagnosis in Health Care*

Background: Discussion at the November 2015 Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC) meeting centered on a recently published Institute of Medicine Report, *Improving Diagnosis in Health Care*, which concluded that most Americans will experience a diagnostic error in their lifetimes. The report raised a number of issues and made recommendations related to the role of clinical laboratories and laboratory professionals as part of the diagnostic process. Although CLIAC deliberated on these issues, no formal recommendations were passed at the meeting and it was suggested a workgroup be convened to more fully engage in reviewing the key laboratory-related IOM recommendations and providing background to CLIAC as to potential recommendations for their consideration.

Workgroup Charge: Review and discuss key recommendations in the IOM Report, *Improving Diagnosis in Health Care*, to provide background information and input to CLIAC for their consideration in making recommendations to HHS Agencies.

Workgroup Membership: Monica de Baca (Chair), Roger Klein,
Maureen Rushenberg, Susan Sheridan, Hardeep Singh

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The group exchanged a series of emails and then in a conference call decided upon 4 topics to consider in depth. They are:

1. Guidelines for Communication of safe communicating sub-critical (non-life threatening) abnormal laboratory results
2. The Role of Autopsies in the Healthcare Quality Process
3. Pathologists as Integral Care Team Members
4. Interoperability and Standards as part of the Healthcare Quality Process

Today, given time constraints only two of these topics will be discussed.

1. Dr. Singh will discuss Guidelines for Communication of safe communicating sub-critical (non-life threatening) abnormal laboratory results
2. Dr. Klein will discuss The Role of Autopsies in the Healthcare Quality Process

Information concerning working group findings and possible suggestions for possible CLIAC recommendations for the "Pathologists as Integral Care Team Members and Interoperability and Standards as part of the Healthcare Quality Process topics will be brought to this committee in April 2017.