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Ensuring Laboratory Safety, Biosafety, and Equipment Management

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Advancing Laboratory Quality Management Systems for Better Patient Outcomes



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Learning Objectives

- By the end of this session, participants should be able to:
 - Describe key principles of laboratory safety and biosafety, with reference to WHO and CDC guidelines.
 - Apply biosafety practices appropriate for various risk groups and containment levels in routine laboratory operations.
 - Identify best practices for equipment maintenance, calibration, and validation to ensure optimal performance and data integrity.
 - Demonstrate understanding of sustainable laboratory practices, including waste reduction, energy efficiency, and adoption of green initiatives.
 - Integrate safety, biosafety, and equipment management into a cohesive QMS framework for continuous improvement.



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Pre-course Assessment 1

- Which of the following groups is at a higher occupational risk of infection from blood-borne pathogens?
 - a. Laboratory scientists
 - b. Biotech engineers
 - c. Public health educators
 - d. Pharmacists



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Pre-course Assessment 2

• Concerning safety in the medical laboratory.

- a. Only the safety officer and lab manager are concerned
- b. Every lab staff is concerned and should take action
- c. Only the staff directly involved in running lab tests on the bench should be trained on safety measures
- d. Laboratory safety trainings need not involve cleaners working in the lab



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Pre-course Assessment 3

- A 'Green Lab' is...
 - a. A lab which adopts green as their colour as reflected in their logo and lab forms
 - b. A lab designed mainly with green colour
 - c. A lab which adopts sustainable and eco-friendly practices
 - d. A lab beautified with live flowers and natural plants



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Introduction

- Set of practices, procedures, and guidelines designed to ensure the well-being of individuals working in a laboratory
- Ensuring lab safety is critical to minimize the risk of exposure to hazardous materials and pathogens
- Both WHO and CDC guidelines emphasize the importance of a robust safety program in laboratories
- Laboratory safety is a high priority for CAP.
- Why is it important?
 - To protect the lives of employees and patients,
 - To protect laboratory equipment,
 - To protect the facilities,
 - To protect the environment.



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Laboratory hazards; a cause for concern...

- Hazards any potentially harmful phenomenon, substance, human
- activity, or condition that has the potential to result in loss of life, injury, diseases, property damage, loss of livelihoods and services, social and economic upheaval, or environmental harm (WHO).
- Hazards in the lab include biological, chemical, physical or radioactive
- Health care workers are known to be at a higher risk of infection from blood-borne pathogens than the general population (Nsubuga, 2005).







Laboratory hazards; a cause for concern...

- Those most at risk are those whose activities entail exposure to blood and body fluids.
- Medical laboratories handle a wide range of lacksquarematerials and a large number of potentially dangerous pathogenic agents.
- Important blood-borne pathogens in this regard \bullet include Hepatitis B (HBV), Hepatitis C (HCV), HIV, TB, Salmonella etc
- Needlestick injury (NSI), also referred as lacksquarepercutaneous injury, is the penetration of skin by needle or other sharp object, which is contaminated with blood, tissue, or other body fluid before the exposure











Laboratory hazards; a cause for concern...

- Despite the negative health effects of NSIs, it is estimated that half of occurrences are not reported
- In 2007, who estimated annual global NSIs at 2 million per \bullet year and another investigation estimated 3.5 million injuries yearly
- In China, about one million accidental NSIs have been \bullet reported every year, in which one HCW was exposed to NSI every 30s
- It is worthy of note that the estimates given are only the ulletreported cases and about 40–70% cases of NSI are unreported in developing countries
- Concerning chemical hazards, a study in Lebanon reported that the main cause of accidents in the lab was exposure to chemicals (73.7%) and more specifically by inhalation (45.4%).





Radioactive



radiation





Nose Protection





Oxidising



Biohazard

Corrosive

Wear ear

protectors

FIRST AID





Danger



Electric Shock



Toxic Hazard







Hand Protection







Safety is everyone's business!!!

- Safety officer (or quality manager), necessary to:
- Develop a complete and thorough description of basic safety rules, and ensure that personnel are trained in their specific duties, and when new activities or techniques are introduced into the lab;
- Know the basics of safety and biosafety mgt issues when working with chemicals and pathogens of moderate or low level of risk;
- Know how to perform an extensive risk assessment when developing new activities in the lab;
- Conduct laboratory safety audits.



As a **laboratorian**, it is important to:

Be aware of basic safety rules and processes;

Understand the basics of safety and biosafety management issues when working with toxic chemicals, biological samples and physical hazards, and when interacting with patients.



Safety Management Program

- Safety management program include:
 - Developing a manual to provide written procedures for safety and biosafety in the laboratory;
 - –Organizing safety training and exercises that teach staff to be aware of potential hazards and how to apply safety practices and techniques
 - -Setting up a process to conduct risk assessments—both initial risk assessments, as well as ongoing lab safety audits to look for potential safety problems

Training Deliverables



Who is responsible?

• Safety officer/Lab manager

- Information about universal precautions,
- Infection prevention and control,
- Chemical and radiation safety,
- How to use PPE,
- How to dispose of hazardous waste,
- And what to do in case of emergencies;



General safety equipment

The safety officer is responsible for ensuring that there is an adequate supply of appropriate equipment for safety and biosafety, such as:

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Fire extinguishers and fire blankets
- Appropriate storage and cabinets for flammable and toxic chemicals
- Eye washers and emergency shower
- Waste disposal supplies and equipment
- First aid equipment.



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Standard safety practices

- Limiting or restricting access to the lab.
- Washing hands after handling infectious or hazardous materials and animals, after removing gloves, and before leaving the lab.
- Prohibiting eating, drinking, smoking, handling contact lenses, and applying cosmetics in work areas.
- Prohibiting mouth pipetting.
- Using techniques that minimize aerosol or splash production when performing procedures—biosafety cabinets should be used whenever there is a potential for aerosol or splash creation, or when high concentrations or large volumes of infectious agents are involved.



NO FOOD No eating, or drinking in the lab, and never taste any of the lab materials.

APPROPRIATEL

Wear the appropriate safety equipment at all times, such as protective eyewear, gloves, and a lab coat. Tie back long hair.

BE ATTENTIVE

Be aware of your surroundings and take extra caution when handling hazardous materials. Be sure to turn off lab equipment when not in use. Handle glassware carefully

KEEP A CLEAN WORKSPACE

Keep the lab area clean and tidy to avoid any potential accidents.

PROPER SUPERVISION

rules

Always read and follow the directions carefully before starting any experiment. Never work alone in the lab.

CLEAN UP

Dispose of all materials properly and in accordance with safety protocol.





Standard safety practices

- Use PPE when working in the lab sandals and open-toe shoes are prohibited in work areas.
- Preventing inhalation exposure by using chemical fume hoods or other containment devices for vapours, gases, aerosols, fumes, dusts or powders;
- Properly storing chemicals according to recognized compatibilities
- Studying Safety Data Sheets for chemicals
- Decontaminating work surfaces daily;
- Decontaminating all cultures, stocks and other regulated wastes before disposal via autoclave, chemical disinfection, incinerator or other approved method



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SAFETY DATA SHEET

Hydrogen Sulfide

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Section 1. Identification

: Hydrogen Sulfide			
: hydrogen sulphide			
 Hydrogen sulfide; Hydrogen sulfide (H2S); Sulfuretted hydrogen; Sewer gas; Hydrosulfuric acid; dihydrogen sulfide 			
: Synthetic/Analytical chemistry.			
 Hydrogen sulfide; Hydrogen sulfide (H2S); Sulfuretted hydrogen; Sewer gas; Hydrosulfuric acid; dihydrogen sulfide 			
: 001029			

Emergency telephone number (with hours of operation)

Section 2. Hazards identification			
OSHA/HCS status	: This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).		
Classification of the substance or mixture	 FLAMMABLE GASES - Category 1 GASES UNDER PRESSURE - Liquefied gas ACUTE TOXICITY (inhalation) - Category 2 SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (SINGLE EXPOSURE) (Respiratory tract irritation) - Category 3 AQUATIC HAZARD (ACUTE) - Category 1 		
GHS label elements			
Hazard pictograms			
Signal word	: Danger		
Hazard statements	 Extremely flammable gas. May form explosive mixtures with air. Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated. May cause frostbite. Fatal if inhaled. Extended exposure to gas reduces the ability to smell sulfides. May cause respiratory irritation. Very toxic to aquatic life. 		
Procautionany statements	The state of the s		

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MATERIALS SAFETY DATA	MSDS Number	MSD/A/1		
SHEET (MSDS)	Version Number	5.0		
Ethanol (C ₂ H ₅ OH)	Date issued	10 Oct 2022		
	Next Review date	October 2024		
Company Details				
Name: MSD Alcohols Address :120 Durban,4001, South Africa	Emergency telephone No. Telephone Fax	+27 (31) 579 2005 +27 (31) 579 2005 +27 (31) 579 2005 +27 (31) 579 2006		
1. Product & Company Identification				
Trade name- Ethanol (Industrial, Absolut or Anhydrous, Light Spirits, Extra Neutra Potable, Rectified Extra) Chemical Family- Aliphatic Alcohol Chemical Name- Ethanol Synonyms- Ethyl Alcohol	e Chemical abstract no56 Molecular Mass - 48.07 NIOSH No KQ 890000 Hazchem code- 2(S) E; UN No 1170	Chemical abstract no56-14-3 Molecular Mass - 48.07 NIOSH No KQ 8900000 Hazchem code- 2(S) E; 3(S) E UN No 1170		
2. Composition				
Hazardous components: Ethyl Alcohol (75.0 -99.9%) EEC classification :200- 578-6 ¹⁰ R Phrases- R11				
3. Hazard Identification				
Classification of substance 3.1 EU-GHS / CLP Hazard Class and category code(s) EU-DSD / DPD Indication(s) of danger and R phrase(s) 3.2 Label elements EU-GHS / CLP Hazard pictogram(s)/Symbols-	Flammable liquid Flam. Serious eye Irritation Ey Highly flammable R11	Liq. 2 ve Irrit. 2		







Material Safety Data Sheet

Methanol

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME: Methanol

OTHER/GENERIC NAMES: Methyl Alcohol, Carbinol, Wood Alcohol

PRODUCT USE: Solvent

MANUFACTURER: Honeywell 1953 South Harvey Street Muskegon, MI 49442 DISTRIBUTOR: VWR International 1310 Goshen Parkway West Chester, PA 19380

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

(Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm) 1-800-932-5000 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL: (24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week) 1-800-424-9300 (USA Only) For Transportation Emergencies: 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC - Domestic) 1-613-996-6666 (CANUTEC- Canada)

NOTE: Emergency telephone numbers are to be used only in the event of chemical emergencies involving a spill, leak, fire, exposure, or accident involving chemicals. All non-emergency questions should be directed to customer service.

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

INGREDIENT NAME

Methanol

CAS NUMBER W 67-56-1

Component Information/Information on Non-Hazardous Components

This product is considered to be hazardous according to the criteria specified in 29 CFR 1910.1200 (Hazard Communication Standard) and the Canadian Controlled Product Regulations.

Trace impurities and additional material names not listed above may also appear in Section 15 toward the end of the MSDS. These materials may be listed for local "Right-To-Know" compliance and for other reasons.

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: This product is a clear, volatile, flammable liquid. Has a slight alcoholic odor. Highly flammable. Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air. The product causes irritation of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Methanol can cause blindness. Causes headache, drowsiness or other effects to the central nervous system. Do not allow product to contact skin, eyes and clothing. Do not breathe vapours.





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Fire Drills and Evacuation Procedures

- Monthly and yearly exercises must be organized for fire drills and laboratory evacuation procedures.
- This is an occasion for the safety officer to emphasize risks to lab staff and to review with them the specific procedures for evacuation, handling of incidents and basic security precautions

• Importance:

- Enhancing Emergency Preparedness
- Reducing Panic and Confusion
- Protecting Lives and Property
- Ensuring Regulatory Compliance
- Reinforcing Safety Culture







Waste management

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- Laboratory waste management is a critical issue.
- Separate waste containers should be used depending on the nature of the waste, and must be clearly identified by <u>a colour code</u>.
- Specific attention should be given to the management of potentially harmful contaminated waste such as sharps, needles or broken glassware.
- <u>Sharps containers</u> must be available and easily accessible
- All potentially harmful and dangerous materials (including liquids and radioactive materials) must be treated in the appropriate way before disposing















BIOMEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT



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Safety Audits

 Systematic evaluations of workplace practices, equipment, and procedures to ensure compliance with safety standards and identify areas for improvement.

• Their importance includes:

- Ensuring Regulatory Compliance with local, national, and international safety regulations (e.g., WHO, CDC, OSHA, ISO 15190).
- Identifying Hazards: Detects potential risks such as chemical exposure, equipment malfunction, or inadequate waste disposal.
- Preventing Accidents and Incidents: Enables proactive corrective action before accidents occur.
- Promoting Continuous Improvement: Drives enhancements in laboratory safety culture and operational efficiency.
- Documenting Safety Performance: Provides evidence of due diligence for inspections, accreditation, and audits.



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Laboratory safety is a high priority for CAP!!!

- GEN. 73300 There are records for the training of all personnel in safety policies and procedures.
- GEN. 74200 Personnel are instructed in the proper use of personal protective clothing/equipment (eg, gloves, gowns, masks, eye protectors, footwear) and records are retained
- GEN. 74700 Personnel reasonably expected to have direct contact with blood and other potentially infectious materials are identified and offered hepatitis B vaccinations free of charge.
- Personnel that decline the vaccine sign a declination form.



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- GEN 75400 New personnel are trained on fire safety, with a fire safety review conducted at least annually.
- GEN 76000 The laboratory has a Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) that defines the safety policies and procedures for all chemicals used in the laboratory.
- GEN 76100 Personnel have access to all of the following documents;

1. Current Safety Data Sheets (formerly MSDS) and other references that list the details of hazards and the precautions for safe handling and storage

2. Chemical Hygiene Plan of the laboratory



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- GEN. 77110 There is an up-to-date radiation safety manual that includes sections on decontamination and radioactive waste.
- GEN. 77400 The laboratory has adequate plumbed or self-contained emergency eyewash facilities in every area where exposure to the eye from corrosive chemicals, as defined by the laboratory's chemical hygiene plan, may occur.



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EMERGENCY SHOWERS & EYEWASH







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Biological Hazard



Explosive Material



Gloves Required



No Gloves



Ere Wash Station

Eye Wash Station



Hair Protection Required



No light



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BSL-2



Hand Sanitization

Station





No Open Flame





BSL-3



Face Shield Required Face Shield



Hand Wash Station



No Open Hair



Carcinogenic





Corrosive

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Fire Hone



Hearing Protection



Oxidizing Material











Fire Blarmet **Fire Extinguister** Fire Blanket Fire Extinguisher















Non-ionizing











Painos Poison

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Fire Hose





High Voltage







Health Hazard Required





Harmful Irritants

No Ones Shoe

No Open Shoes



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Orthing Water

Drinking Water

Flammable

Material

Hot Surface

Hot Surface





First Aid

First Akt







Protective Clothing Required



Electric Hazard



Food and Drink Prohibited



Lab Coat Required



Radiation Hazard



Emergency Bell



General Warning



Laser Hazard

Including Banadan

Respirator

Required



Emergency Meeting Station



Glassware Hazard



No Electronics



Restricted Entry



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Lab Safety Symbols...



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Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) HAZARD SYMBOLS



Compressed Gas

Explosion Danger - Gas under pressure. May explode if heated, punctured or dropped.



Health Hazard

May cause allergic reaction, cancer, birth defects, damage organs or harm fertility or unborn children.



Flammable Material

Potential Fire Hazard. Catches fire spontaneously if exposed to air or water or when exposed to heat sparks or flames or as a result of friction.



Harmful or Fatal

Acute Toxicity. Potentially fatal poisonous substance if inhaled, swallowed, or through skin contact, even in small amounts.

to skin, eyes or respiratory

system. Fatal in large

the Ozone Layer.

quantities. Hazardous to



Oxidizing

Fire and/or Explosion Risk in the presence of flammable or combustible material. May cause fire or enhance the combustion of other materials







Harmful to the Environment

Harmful

and/or aquatic life with long-lasting effects.

Corrosive

Causes severe Skin Burns & Eye Damage. is corrosive to metal



Biohazardous Infectious Materials

For organisms or toxins that can cause serious disease in people or animals resulting in illness or death.

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Best practices for equipment maintenance, calibration, and validation

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 These are critical steps in ensuring optimal performance, accuracy, and reliability in the laboratory

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- Both in short and long term, they help to ensure the accuracy and reliability of lab results, the longevity of equipment and facilities, and the productivity of the research that is carried out in the laboratory
- Can help labs avoid accidentally violating regulations and standards







Equipment Maintenance – Best Practices:

ISO 15189: 2022 Sect 6.4.5:

- The laboratory shall have preventive maintenance programs, based on manufacturer's instructions.
- Equipment shall be maintained in a safe working condition and working order. This includes electrical safety, any emergency stop devices, and the safe handling and disposal of hazardous materials by authorized personnel.
- Defective equipment Mark 'OUT OF SERVICE"
- DECONTAMINATE before servicing or repairs, provide appropriate PPE



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Essential Equipment Records to be Maintained:

Identification and Procurement

- Manufacturer and supplier details
- Unique equipment identification (including software/firmware versions)
- Condition upon receipt (e.g., new, used, reconditioned)Date of receipt and date of entering into service

Installation and Verification

- Results of acceptance testing and conformance with specified criteria
- Current physical location of the equipment
- Manufacturer's instructions and user manuals



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Essential Equipment Records to be Maintained – contd:





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Steps in Equipment Maintenance...



Establish a Maintenance Schedule

• Create a routine maintenance plan based on manufacturer recommendations and usage, including regular inspection, cleaning, and servicing.



Document Maintenance Activities

• Maintain accurate logs of all maintenance performed, noting dates, tasks completed, issues identified, and personnel involved.



Train Personnel

• Provide ongoing training to ensure staff are competent in equipment use and maintenance procedures, including periodic refreshers.





Review and Update Procedures

• Regularly evaluate and revise maintenance protocols based on equipment performance, user feedback, and technological updates.





Equipment Calibration – Best Practices:

Calibration is the process of verifying and adjusting the accuracy of an instrument's measurements by comparing its output to a known reference standard, ensuring that results remain precise and reliable for diagnostic or analytical use

Follow Established Calibration Procedures

tailored to the equipment.

Use Traceable Calibration Standards

Calibrate at Regular Intervals

Recalibrate if QC results show systematic bias.

Document the Calibration Process

date, Standard used, procedure followed, and results.



• Always use manufacturer-recommended protocols with clear instructions

• Ensure calibration standards have traceability to recognized national or international references (e.g., NIST) for reliable and comparable results.

• Frequency depends on equipment type and usage: Follow manufacturer's and reagent instructions, Recalibrate with each reagent lot change and

• Maintain comprehensive records to ensure reproducibility and compliance with regulatory standards. It should include; Unique equipment identifier,



Implementing Sustainable Laboratory Practices and Green Initiatives

- Green initiatives refer to programs, strategies, or activities aimed at promoting environmental awareness, sustainability practices, and eco-friendly behaviors
- A "Green Lab" is one that minimizes its environmental impact through sustainable practices, reducing resource use, and waste while maintaining healthcare quality
- Green initiative aims at reducing carbon emissions and plastic usage, promote recycling, and reuse consumables where appropriate

'Reduce, reuse and recycle'







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Green initiatives and SDG goals:

Green initiatives strongly align with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly:

- Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy,
- Goal 12: Responsible **Consumption and** Production,
- Goal 13: Climate Action, and
- Goal 15: Life on Land.





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recycle or reuse polystyrene shipping containers





Why the Concern???

- Laboratories, while essential to healthcare and research, have a disproportionately large environmental footprint.
- Every lab test requires significant energy, water, and chemical resources—often before a single result is produced.
- In fact, laboratory buildings can consume up to 10 times more energy and 4 times more water than standard commercial buildings.
- The extensive use of single-use plastics, hazardous chemicals, and high-energy equipment such as ultra-low temperature freezers further exacerbates this impact.



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Why the Concern???

- These operations contribute not only to climate change, air and water pollution, and biodiversity loss, but also pose health risks due to unsafe chemical handling and disposal.
- The chemical industry, central to laboratory function, is itself a major polluter and resource-intensive sector.
- According to *Healthcare Without Harm*, the healthcare industry accounts for up to 4.6% of global carbon emissions, underscoring the urgency of sustainability.
 - As environmental concerns rise, laboratories are now actively seeking ways to:
 - Minimize waste and resource consumption
 - Improve energy and chemical efficiency
 - Reduce their overall carbon footprint



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Sustainable laboratory practices and green initiatives

- European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM) Task force – Green and Sustainable Laboratories TF-GSL founded in 2021
- This was in alignment with the European Green Deal (EGD) Investment Plan – Initiative of EU to become climate neutral by 2050
- Goal of TF-GSL is to promote sustainable practices in clinical laboratories, focusing on carbon footprint reduction, guidance, and greater sustainability
- Offers guidelines and recommendations to decrease energy, water, waste, and chemical use.





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Green Labs EFLM Task Force

Green and Sustainable Laboratories (TF-GSL)



Sustainable laboratory practices and green initiatives

- In 2022, Malaysia recorded a 6.5% increase in their carbon emissions → in response,
- Implemented green technology policies, including the National Energy Transition Roadmap, with clinical labs keying in
- The sustainability practices in laboratories have been embraced by renowned institutions worldwide.
- - Harvard University's Sustainable Labs Programme
- University of California, Berkeley's Green Labs Programme
- No longer optional scientific, ethical & operational necessity for a sustainable future



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Key Green Initiatives for Sustainable Laboratory Practice (Advocated changes):

1. Waste Reduction

- Transition from single-use plastics to reusable glass containers
- Use recyclable plastics where possible
- Minimize paper use by adopting digital documentation and electronic data systems

2. Energy Conservation

- Install energy-efficient lighting (e.g., LED, motion-activated systems)
- Use energy-efficient refrigerators, freezers, and air-cooling systems
- Consider renewable energy options like solar panels
- Invest in energy-saving lab equipment (e.g., incubators, ovens, centrifuges with auto-shutoff, insulation, efficient motors)

3. Water Conservation

- Install low-flow faucets and promptly fix leaks
- Optimize water-dependent processes to minimize waste



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Key Green Initiatives for Sustainable Laboratory Practice – contd:

4. Sustainable Procurement

• Choose vendors committed to environmental responsibility (e.g., minimal packaging, recycled materials, eco-friendly products)

5. Sustainable Lab Design and Layout

- Design for optimal workflow and space utilization to reduce energy demand
- Implement behavior-based changes such as closing fume hood sashes when not in use (saving up to 30% of associated energy)

6. Operational and Cultural Shifts

- Adopt a lean laboratory approach to minimize unnecessary steps and waste
- Power down idle equipment, lights, and air-conditioners
- Promote the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

7. Awareness and Engagement

- Educate staff on sustainability practices and foster behavioral change
- Join green lab networks (e.g., Irish Green Labs, Sustainable European Labs, My Green Lab **Ambassador Program**)
- Green certifications to validate and guide efforts



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Benefits of Green Initiative:







Tangible cost savings – reducing waste reduces disposal expenses and environmental impact.

Less harmful effect on the environment Promote environmental awareness – such changes in mindset also have impacts outside of work

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Enhances lab's brand and image with its customers, suppliers, and other stakeholders.



Challenges of green initiatives in the lab:

- Fear/Resistance to change
- Fear of contamination with reuse of materials
- Finding sustainable alternatives
- Green alternatives may have lower performance characteristics
- Poor awareness

 Initial costs required for upfront investments in new equipment, infrastructure

- Developing effective recycling and disposal systems for waste can be challenging in resource-limited settings







Conclusion:

• Key competencies acquired:

- Lab safety and biosafety principles based on WHO & CDC guidelines
- Appropriate containment practices for various risk groups
- Best practices in equipment maintenance, calibration, and validation
- Sustainable lab practices: waste reduction, energy efficiency, and green initiatives
- Integration of safety, biosafety, and equipment management into a cohesive system is essential for continuous improvement.







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Thank You

NEXT WEEK (19th May 2025):

Optimizing Supply Chain, Inventory, and Procurement in Laboratory QMS – Dr. Eze E.O (MBBS, FMCPath., IFCAP)

- Managing reagent shortages and mitigating supply chain disruptions
- Implementing digital inventory tracking for efficient resource utilization
- Sustainable procurement strategies for laboratory cost-effectiveness and reliability

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