POLICY ON ACCREDITATION OF HAEMATOLOGY TESTING LABORATORIES

1. Introduction and scope

This circular provides further elaboration on accreditation of haematology testing laboratories and Clause 5.6.4 of Specific Criteria for Accreditation in the Field of Medical Testing (SC 2), Issue 4, 31 December 2011 related to bone marrow examination.

This circular applies to the medical testing laboratories performing bone marrow examination that are currently accredited by Standards Malaysia, applicant laboratories and those intending to apply for accreditation under SAMM.

2. External Quality Assurance (EQA) participation for bone marrow examination

Bone marrow examination involves bone marrow collection, processing morphological assessment and performance of other supplementary tests. EQA for bone marrow morphology or microscopic examination can be adequately covered by enrolling in a morphology assessment programme which involves blood cells organised by EQA provider.

3. Assessment team for assessing haematology laboratories

The composition of the haematology assessment team / Laboratory Accreditation Evaluation Panel (LAEP) panel, shall be based on the complexity of the scope of test. The assessment team should comprise of at least one haematologist if the scope includes tests that require clinical interpretation.

4. Implementation date

The date of implementation is 1st March 2015.