



LABORATORY QUALITY
Seasonal School 2026

————— FEBRUARY 03 – 04, 2026 —————

Shaping the Future of POCT:
**Reliable Results Through
Knowledge and Collaboration**

2-DAY LIVE INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL EVENT PROSPECTUS

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Welcome to LQSS 2026

The Laboratory Quality Seasonal School (LQSS) 2026 brings together a global community of laboratory professionals, POCT coordinators, clinicians, quality managers, and industry partners committed to advancing the reliability, governance, and impact of Point-of-Care Testing (POCT). As POCT continues to expand across healthcare systems, ensuring quality, competency, and regulatory alignment has become essential to safeguarding patient outcomes.

This year's theme—**“Shaping the Future of POCT: Reliable Results Through Knowledge and Collaboration”**—reflects the urgent need to build strong, connected networks between laboratories and clinical teams, supported by informed regulatory understanding and practical, real-world implementation strategies.

Hosted virtually on February 3–4, 2026, LQSS offers a dynamic platform for thought leadership, professional development, and cross-sector collaboration. The program features expert presentations, global case insights, and panel discussions addressing some of the most pressing challenges and opportunities in today's POCT landscape.

Whether you are strengthening an existing POCT program or navigating regulatory expectations for the first time, LQSS 2026 provides actionable knowledge, meaningful connections, and tools designed to elevate quality practices across all settings.

Join us as we work together to shape a future where POCT is safe, effective, and transformative for every patient it serves.



Daily sessions
**start at 13:00
UTC and end at
16:00 UTC.**



Daily sessions will
**consist of two 40
minute speaker
slots**, each covering
a different topic
based on the day's
theme.



A **keynote
speaker** will
address each day,
kicking off
the day's
proceedings.



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This is an
**international
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free of charge.**

We have included an overview of the course content and provisional program. Delegates can look forward to the below educational benefits and outcomes:

- ✓ 6 Contact Hours - American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (PACE)
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EVENT SPEAKERS' TOPICS AND ABSTRACTS

DAY 1:

Educating for Competence

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



A Futures Studies Canvas to Choosing the Right Laboratory Technologies

By **Greg Khoury**

WebContent

Selecting the right laboratory or point-of-care technology is increasingly challenging, with poor choices leading to financial loss, reputational damage, and potential harm to programs and patients. Traditional evaluations focus on analytical performance such as sensitivity, specificity, and cost. However, these factors reveal only part of a technology's overall suitability or long-term viability.

This presentation introduces a Futures Studies-based technology evaluation canvas that guides users through a structured, objective assessment. The canvas integrates tools such as technology-focused SWOT analysis, market competitiveness and forces, the technology hype curve, readiness scores, and PESTLEF. Insights from these tools are used to develop a practical business model incorporating risk management, resource planning, and implementation considerations.

Designed for laboratory-, program-, and procurement managers, the canvas supports evidence-based decision-making and helps determine future fit and sustainability. The presentation explains each step using a typical laboratory technology example and concludes with a consolidated assessment.

SPEAKER 01



Optimizing the Human Factor for Consistently Accurate POCT Results

By **Nene Oche**

QBS Global

Point-of-care testing (POCT) delivers rapid, actionable results at the patient's bedside, but its accuracy depends heavily on the human factor. Because POCT devices are small, simplified, and sensitive to micro-volumes, even minor deviations in user technique can significantly affect reliability. Consistent validation, calibration, and EQC across all POCT sites, anchored by collaboration with reference laboratories, are essential to ensure comparability with central laboratory methodologies.

User practices remain the most significant source of variability: inadequate adherence to manufacturer instructions, poor pre-analytical handling, missed maintenance, or incorrect timing can quickly lead to inaccurate outputs. Monitoring quality metrics such as QC trends, rerun rates, and EQA/EQC results provides insight into user compliance with ISO requirements.

Training, retraining, and standardized resources help identify performance gaps and reinforce good practice. Meanwhile, manufacturer innovations such as reduced user steps, integrated timers, connectivity, and built-in safeguards strengthen compliance frameworks. Together, these human, system, and supplier elements determine POCT reliability and overall performance.

Gain the know-how to strengthen POCT compliance, tighten quality control, and drive more accurate, dependable results across all testing sites.



EVENT SPEAKERS' TOPICS AND ABSTRACTS

DAY 1:

Educating for Competence

SPEAKER 02



Bridging the Gap Between Training and Competence in Point-of-Care

By Robyn Wilson

NHS Tayside & POCT-for-Scot Ltd

Point-of-care testing (POCT) plays a critical role in delivering timely clinical decisions, yet its reliability depends heavily on user competence. This presentation explores the evolution of POCT training within NHS Tayside, highlighting how strategies adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic reshaped our approach to education and governance. Initially, in 2018, training programs were device-focused and limited in scope, posing challenges for ensuring consistent quality and compliance. The pandemic introduced unprecedented restrictions, prompting the development of innovative remote and flexible training methods that expanded reach and engagement.

We will examine comparative models of training delivery and analyze their advantages and limitations across diverse clinical settings. Insights gained during this period informed the creation of standardized, robust training frameworks applicable across all POCT devices. These programs emphasize not only technical proficiency but also clinical responsibility, fostering accountability and improving patient outcomes.

The session will conclude with an overview of governance processes, including monitoring and compliance strategies, and the challenges encountered in sustaining quality standards. By aligning training with competence and embedding flexibility into educational design, we demonstrate how POCT programs can reduce risk, enhance user engagement, and ultimately deliver safer, more effective patient care.



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DAY 2:

Navigating Regulation and Fostering Collaboration

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Synergies Between Laboratory and POCT

By Tony Cambridge

POCTInnovators/Thornhill Healthcare Events and Consultancy

Point-of-care testing (POCT) has become indispensable as healthcare systems strive for faster diagnostics and more responsive patient management. While traditional laboratory testing remains the gold standard for accuracy and complexity, it cannot always meet the immediacy required at the patient's side. High-volume tests such as glucose, urinalysis, blood gases, electrolytes, and key metabolites have therefore shifted to decentralized settings, relieving laboratory workloads and enabling rapid clinical decisions.

This presentation explores how POCT and laboratory services complement one another to strengthen overall diagnostic capability. It highlights the growing range of care environments adopting POCT, the clinical benefits of timely results, and the resource efficiencies gained when routine and monitoring tests are performed outside the laboratory. Key considerations—such as device selection, quality assurance, and performance—will also be discussed. Real clinical scenarios will illustrate how POCT fills critical gaps when laboratory turnaround times cannot meet urgent patient needs.

SPEAKER 01



Advancing POCT: A Modern Digital Approach to Community Care and POCT Compliance

By Sousan Bagherpoor

Virtual POCT

As point-of-care testing (POCT) expands into pharmacies, long-term care homes, shelters, and mobile clinics, community-based care is gaining unprecedented diagnostic reach. Yet this growth also exposes challenges in governance, operator training, documentation, and sustained quality oversight.

Building on the Community-Based POCT Framework from the Canadian Public Health Laboratory Network (CPHLN), this presentation outlines how community programs can align with key regulatory expectations from ISO 22583, ISO 22870, ISO 15189, and CLIA. It highlights common systemic gaps such as inconsistent competency, fragmented records, and limited supervisory visibility, and demonstrates how standardized workflows and structured governance can significantly improve reliability.

The session further explores how modern digital solutions, including models such as MANA, can bridge communication gaps and streamline compliance. Attendees will gain practical strategies for establishing safe, consistent, and sustainable POCT services across diverse community settings.



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EVENT SPEAKERS' TOPICS AND ABSTRACTS

DAY 2:

Navigating Regulation and Fostering Collaboration

PANEL DISCUSSION

Compliance Requires Competence: Anticipating and Leveraging Regulatory Change

Moderator: Theresa van Jaarsveld (POC Africa)

Panelists: Carlos Gouvêa (CBDL), Mieke Welgemoed (SALDA), Mike Messenger (BIVDA), Shireen Haroon, and Sousan Bagherpoor (Virtual POCT)

Global regulatory frameworks such as HPCSA, IVDR, and ISO 15189:2022 are redefining expectations for IVDs and POCT, making competence a true license to operate. This panel brings together experts from South America, Canada, the UK, and Africa to explore how these shifts are shaping practice across diverse healthcare systems.

The discussion will examine regional regulatory trends, what they mean for laboratories and POCT programs, and how practitioners can prepare for increasing competence, training, and oversight requirements. We will also consider how suppliers can use user training and implementation support as a differentiator, and how organizations can turn compliance into a strategic advantage rather than a burden.

Participants will gain practical insight into aligning competence, regulatory readiness, and quality to improve patient outcomes.

Your Organizer and Hosts:



Hanine van Deventer

Chief Executive Officer at LabVine

Hanine brings over 16 years of experience as a professional engineer, managing large-scale infrastructure projects. Renowned for her adept management of multidisciplinary projects, Hanine champions excellence through performance-driven initiatives.

Her proactive approach to change has positioned her as a leader in implementing innovative systems. Since 2020, she has steered LabVine towards unprecedented success, offering unparalleled support to laboratories globally. Under her leadership, LabVine has become synonymous with innovation and collaboration, providing comprehensive training programs and fostering dynamic partnerships.

Her dedication to driving continuous improvement sets the standard for laboratory transformation, ensuring a brighter and more innovative future for the industry.

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Louise Beretta

Facilitator

Louise brings over 32 years of HR and training experience, with a strong passion for people development. She has worked with the Power of Process team since 2017 and played a key role in achieving their accreditations. Louise holds multiple qualifications in HR, Training, Business, and Franchise Management, and is an accredited SDF, Facilitator, Assessor, and Moderator. She is a registered HR Practitioner with SABPP and has delivered over 80 accredited programmes across various industries. Louise has also contributed to coaching initiatives for LTS.

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Theresa (Terry) van Jaarsveld

Owner of POC Africa

Owner of POC Africa, providing online and onsite training and consulting in all POCT, pre-analytics, and quality assurance requirements. A POCT, accreditation, QA, pre-analytical, and phlebotomy specialist with more than 40 years of laboratory management experience and over 30 years of training healthcare workers and nursing staff in POCT and pre-analytics. Worked internationally from 2002–2017, focusing on POCT, pre-analytics, phlebotomy, and laboratory management, and successfully developed and implemented comprehensive POCT services in three major Middle Eastern hospitals. Former Clinical Practice Coordinator at CPUT (2019–2022), Executive Council member of SMLTSA, and content provider for LabVine.

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Speaker Bios

DAY 1



Greg Khoury

WebContent

Greg has thirty years of experience in laboratory science and has spent the last twelve years working in point-of-care diagnostics. Since 2013, he has worked for Alere, Abbott, and LumiraDx, serving on each organization's Africa leadership team.

He has commercialized multiple point-of-care technologies, including PIMA, m-PIMA, and the LumiraDx Platform, with implementation, training, connectivity, and technical support. He has experience in quality management, regulatory, and operations. He works as an independent consultant in healthcare, applying his knowledge to support market access, market development, regulatory support, and other commercialization activities.

Greg has an MBA and Pg DIP in Futures Studies in Managing New Technologies in addition to his qualifications as a medical technologist. He considers himself a "luddite technologist," refusing to be drawn into the hype around new technologies, preferring to seek out those technologies that can truly impact the delivery of healthcare in Africa.

Date: February 03, 2026

Time: 13:15 - 13:55 UTC

Address: A Futures Studies Canvas to Choosing the Right Laboratory Technologies

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Nene Oche

QBS Global

Nene Oche is a Management Systems Consultant and the Managing Director of Quality First Business Solutions Nigeria Limited (QBS Global). With over 18 years of experience in the Nigerian healthcare industry and more than 13 years dedicated to Quality Management, she specializes in implementing, auditing, and strengthening quality systems across medical laboratories. Nene has led multiple organizations to achieve and sustain ISO 15189 accreditation, leveraging her expertise in ISO 9001, ISO 15189, ISO 7101, and internationally recognized quality frameworks.

She holds degrees in Microbiology and Applied Biosciences, is a Certified Business Development Service Provider, and is currently pursuing a Master's in International Health Management. Nene is an active member of global and national professional bodies, including CLSI (USA), the National Association for Healthcare Quality (USA), the Society for Healthcare Quality Nigeria, and ISQua. Her work focuses on transforming healthcare operations to drive consistent, safe, and impactful patient outcomes.

Date: February 03, 2026

Time: 14:05 - 14:45 UTC

Address: Optimizing the Human Factor for Consistently Accurate POCT Results

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Speaker Bios

DAY 1



Robyn Wilson

NHS Tayside & POCT-for-Scot Ltd

Biomedical Scientist in NHS Tayside since 2011 and Deputy Point-of-Care Manager since 2018. BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science from Abertay University and MSc Biomedical Science from Greenwich University.

Member of the Institute of Biomedical Sciences and one of two company directors of POCT-for-Scot Ltd, a company providing consultancy and education for Point-of-Care Teams on a national level.

Module developer for MSc module content for the MSc Biomedical Sciences with Point-of-Care at Abertay University.

Date: February 03, 2026

Time: 14:55 - 15:35 UTC

Address: Bridging the Gap Between Training and Competence in Point-of-Care.

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Speaker Bios

DAY 2



Tony Cambridge

POCTInnovators/Thornhill Healthcare Events and Consultancy

Tony Cambridge (MSc, BSc) is a Fellow of the Institute of Biomedical Sciences (FIBMS) with over 29 years of experience in NHS medical laboratories. He serves as Co-Chair of the Near Patient Testing Working Party at the British In-vitro Diagnostics Association (BIVDA) and is widely recognised as a key opinion leader in diagnostics, POCT, medical devices, and laboratory medicine.

He is the creator and owner of POCTInnovators.com and Managing Director of Thornhill Healthcare Events Ltd, where he advances education and innovation across the diagnostic ecosystem.

Tony is a tutor for the IBMS Certificate of Expert Practice (CEP) and has co-written major professional resources, including the British Society for Haematology General POCT Guideline for Haematology and the IBMS Specialist Portfolio for POCT. His career reflects a deep commitment to strengthening practice, standards, and knowledge within the global POCT and laboratory community.

Date: February 04, 2026

Time: 13:15 - 13:55 UTC

Address: **Synergies Between Laboratory and POCT**

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Sousan Bagherpoor

Virtual POCT

As Founder and CEO of Virtual POCT, Sousan Bagherpoor leads the development of digital quality systems that support safe, compliant, and sustainable Point-of-Care Testing (POCT) across community care settings. She brings 25 years of experience in medical laboratory science, including 16 years specializing in POCT program implementation, oversight, and accreditation compliance in hospital environments.

Sousan's multidisciplinary training, in addition to her Medical Laboratory Science education, includes a Certificate in Clinical Quality Management, a Certificate in Implementing AI in Healthcare, and a Diploma in Entrepreneurship Management. She has contributed to several academic research initiatives, including the peer-reviewed study "Evaluation of the analytical performance of the Nova StatSensor creatinine meter and reagent strip technology for whole blood testing" (Clin Biochem, 2010; PMID: 20416292).

Date: February 04, 2026

Time: 13:55 - 14:35 UTC

Address: **Advancing POCT: A Modern Digital Approach to Community Care and POCT Compliance**

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Speaker Bios

PANEL DISCUSSION

Date: February 04, 2026

Time: 15:00 - 16:00 UTC

Address: **Compliance Requires Competence: Anticipating and Leveraging Regulatory Change**



Carlos Gouvêa

Brazilian Chamber for In Vitro Diagnostics (CBDL)

Carlos Eduardo Gouvêa holds degrees in Public Administration (EAESP/FGV – Brazil) and Law (University of São Paulo), as well as an international MBA (OneMBA – UNC, Erasmus University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Tec de Monterrey, and FGV). He began his career in corporate law at O'Melveny & Myers and Goulart Pentead, Iervolino & Lefosse (Linklaters), later transitioning into marketing roles at Unilever and Courtauld before joining Coopers & Lybrand.

Carlos has extensive experience in the healthcare sector, having served as Diagnostic Business Manager at Organon Teknika (Akzo Nobel) and CEO of Support and Mococa (Royal Numico/Danone). Since 2005, he has been Managing Partner at Green Hill Consulting, with interests in healthcare innovation and start-ups, and serves as Managing Director of CMW Saúde, focused on specialized nutrition in Latin America.

He currently holds leadership roles in key industry associations, including CBDL, ABIIS, ALADDIV, and IES, and serves on advisory boards for FBAH and INAC.

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Miekie Welgemoed

Southern African Laboratory Diagnostics Association (SALDA)

With over 20 years of experience in the medical industry, Miekie Welgemoed has built a career marked by deep technical expertise and strategic leadership. Beginning as a Medical Technologist, he developed a strong foundation in diagnostic healthcare.

Driven by a passion for innovation and impact, Miekie joined Siemens Healthineers 15 years ago. Since then, he has held various roles of increasing responsibility. In his current position as Business Lead POC for Southern Africa, Miekie is responsible for steering the company's strategic direction in the region, overseeing commercial operations, and building strong partnerships that enhance access to advanced healthcare solution across SADC.

Throughout his career, Miekie has remained committed to improving healthcare delivery through technological innovation, collaborative leadership, and a deep understanding of business dynamics. He is also the chair of the SALDA POC committee and continues to play a key role in shaping the future of healthcare in South Africa.

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Speaker Bios

PANEL DISCUSSION



Mike Messenger

British In Vitro Diagnostic Association (BIVDA)

Professor Mike Messenger is a globally recognized expert in In Vitro Diagnostic (IVD) regulation, innovation, market access, and health policy, with over 20 years of experience in the medical technology sector. As Head of Regulatory Strategy at the British In Vitro Diagnostic Association (BIVDA), he guides the future direction of UK IVD regulation to support innovation and reliable access to diagnostics.

He holds visiting positions at the Universities of Leeds and Oxford and advises regulators, global health organizations, donors, and industry on regulatory strategy for IVDs, imaging, and AI technologies. Mike co-founded and leads work-streams for CLEARED, an MHRA Centre of Excellence in Regulatory Science, co-authored ISO TS 16766 on IVDs in public health emergencies, and advises WHO on Generic IVD Target Product Profiles.

During COVID-19, he served as Head of Diagnostics at the MHRA and advised DHSC and EU agencies. He also represents the UK in global standardization through BSI CH/212 and serves as External Examiner for the TOPRA MSc in Regulatory Affairs.

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Shireen Haroon

Consultant

Shireen is an accomplished leader in vitro diagnostics industry with over 25 years of management experience across regulatory affairs, quality systems, and commercial operations throughout Africa. She plays a pivotal role in shaping regulatory strategies, fostering collaboration with key stakeholders to ensure timely access to critical product technologies.

Shireen partners with distributors to strengthen their quality systems, ensuring compliance with global and national requirements. Deeply committed to advancing patient outcomes in under served communities, she supports initiatives that expand access to diagnostic testing and has actively contributed to regional and continental panels on IVD regulatory harmonization. With her unique blend of regulatory, quality, and commercial expertise, Shireen is recognized as a trusted voice who drives innovation, compliance, and equitable access to critical infectious disease diagnostics across the African continent.

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Preliminary Program Outline

February 03 - 04, 2026

EDUCATING FOR COMPETENCE		NAVIGATING REGULATION AND FOSTERING COLLABORATION	
TIME (UTC)	TUESDAY, 03	TIME (UTC)	WEDNESDAY, 04
13:00 - 13:10	OPENING SHOW	13:00 - 13:10	OPENING SHOW
13:10 - 13:15	WELCOMING BY LABVINE	13:10 - 13:15	WELCOMING BY LABVINE
13:15 - 13:55	<p>A Futures Studies Canvas to Choosing the Right Laboratory Technologies</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Greg Khoury from WebContent</p>	13:15 - 13:55	<p>Synergies Between Laboratory and POCT</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Tony Cambridge from POCTInnovators/Thornhill Healthcare Events and Consultancy</p>
13:55 - 14:05	BREAK	13:55 - 14:35	<p>Advancing POCT: A Modern Digital Approach to Community Care and POCT Compliance</p> <p>Speaker: Sousan Bagherpoor from Virtual POCT</p>
14:05 - 14:45	<p>Optimizing the Human Factor for Consistently Accurate POCT Results</p> <p>Speaker: Nene Oche from QBS Global</p>	14:35 - 14:50	Q&A
14:45 - 14:55	BREAK	14:50 - 15:00	BREAK
14:55 - 15:35	<p>Bridging the Gap Between Training and Competence in Point-of-Care</p> <p>Speaker: Robyn Wilson from NHS Tayside & POCT-for-Scot Ltd</p>	15:00 - 16:00	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>Compliance Requires Competence: Anticipating and Leveraging Regulatory Change</p> <p>Moderator: Theresa van Jaarsveld (POC Africa)</p> <p>Panelists: Carlos Gouvêa (CBDL), Miekie Welgemoed (SALDA), Mike Messenger (BIVDA), Shireen Haroon, Sousan Bagherpoor (Virtual POCT)</p>
15:35 - 15:55	Q&A		
15:55 - 16:00	REFLECTION AND CLOSURE	16:00 - 16:10	REFLECTION AND CLOSURE

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