

THE 21st ANNUAL  
**Washington Clinical  
Laboratory Conference**

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Registration forms must be postmarked by **October 17**.  
Please **make check payable to NPSSCLS**. Mail registra-  
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November 10, 2014

Foster Links Golf Course  
13500 Interurban Ave S  
Tukwila, WA

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration fee of \$95.00 includes attendance at the conference, lunch, and breaks. Advance registrations must be postmarked by **October 17, 2014**. On-site registrations will be accepted the morning of the conference, but will not include lunch. Full payment must accompany all registrations. **NOTE:** Conference registration will be processed by the North Puget Sound Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (NPSSCLS). **Make your checks payable to NPSSCLS.** Those registrations received without full payment will be held and the registrant notified. Due to facility and session expense obligations, **no refunds are permitted.**

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Numerous hotels are available near SeaTac Airport and the South Center Mall. There is also a Days Inn just off of Exit 156 from I-5. Check with the hotels regarding shuttle or taxi service to the Foster Links Golf Course.

## FOSTER LINKS GOLF COURSE DIRECTIONS

### Facility Address: 13500 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, WA

**Southbound on I-5:** Take exit #156 (Tukwila, Interurban Ave). Turn left onto Interurban Avenue S. Foster Links Golf Course is approximately 1/2 mile on the left side of Interurban Avenue just past the Park & Ride.

**Northbound on I-5:** Take exit #156 (WA-599 N / Tukwila). Take the Tukwila exit and turn right onto Interurban Avenue S. Foster Links Golf Course is approximately 1/2 mile on the left side of Interurban Avenue just past the Park & Ride.

**PARKING:** There is NO CHARGE for parking at Foster Links Golf Course.

## AGENDA

7:45 - 8:15	Registration
8:15 - 8:30	Opening Remarks Romesh Gautam, PhD Director, Washington State Public Health Laboratories
8:30 - 10:00	Keynote Address <i>"Changing State of the Lab Industry: Getting Ready for an Historic Turning Point"</i> Dennis Weissman
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - Noon	<i>"Gates Foundation Investments in TB Diagnostics for Developing Countries &amp; the Potential Impact in Developed Countries"</i> Jim Gallarda, PhD
Noon - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	<i>"The Bleeding Edge: The Impact of New Molecular Diagnostic Technologies in High-Complexity Testing Laboratories and Laboratory-Developed Tests"</i> Tera Erles, PhD
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 4:15	<i>"Individualized Quality Control Plan (IQCP)"</i> Lori Eschenbacher, BSMT(ASCP)
4:15 - 4:30	Wrap-up

P.A.C.E. continuing education credits through the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science will be available for the Conference. ASCLS-WA is a co-sponsor of the seminar.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Dennis Weissman** is the President of Dennis Weissman & Associates, LLC. The clinical laboratory industry is being buffeted by unrelenting market pressures revolving around continuing payment cuts, restrictive coverage and coding policies by both government and private health plans along with expanding value-driven health care reforms. Recent statutory and administrative initiatives affecting Medicare payment and coverage for clinical laboratory and pathology services and their implications for the industry will be addressed during this session. The speaker will identify key political and market trends affecting labs and pathologists and discuss federal policies aimed at patient access to lab test results, oversight of lab-developed tests and changes covering local coverage determinations for lab tests.

**Jim Gallarda, PhD**, is the Senior Program Officer in Integrated Development Diagnostics at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle. This talk will focus on the current strategic priorities the Foundation has for TB diagnostics and the challenges of delivering effective solutions in the developing world. The speaker will discuss the Foundation's diagnostic strategies, lessons learned with the launch of the Cepheid Xpert MTB/RIF TB diagnostic assay, and the broader "ecosystem" challenges to IVD companies developing TB diagnostics for the developing world.

**Tera Erles, PhD**, is the Director of Research and Development for Iverson Genetics in Seattle. The speaker will review recent changes in molecular diagnostics technology and methodologies and then elaborate on the potential advantages and challenges of adoption of those technologies in clinical testing environments. The presentation will review molecular diagnostics using digital PCR methods, Next-Generation Sequencing methods, and Multiplexed or other array-based methods; discuss the advantages and challenges of implementing each of these technologies in a clinical lab setting; and discuss future developments and technologies on the horizon and possible regulatory changes that may affect LDTs using these technologies.

**Lori Eschenbacher, BSMT(ASCP)**, is the DOH Laboratory Surveyor for the Medical Test Site licensing program office in Eastern Washington. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is implementing a new quality control option based on risk management called the individualized quality control plan (IQCP). Effective January 1, 2016, Equivalent Quality Control (EQC) is no longer an acceptable option for QC. Laboratories using EQC must consider which QC option (two levels of control daily or IQCP) they will use after the effective date. The speaker will provide an overview of the key components of an IQCP (risk assessment, quality control plan, and quality assessment), and discuss implementation strategies.