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## Medical Test Site Licensing Update

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**L**aboratory Quality Assurance (LQA) is part of the Health Systems Quality Assurance (HSQA) Division of the Washington State Department of Health. The Division implemented a new computer system in February 2008 that integrates professional and facility licensing. This integration changed the way we do business in LQA.

This article addresses the major questions that we receive in LQA regarding Medical Test Site (MTS) licensing and the new computer system.

**Requests for changes to your MTS/CLIA license:** There are new procedures for making changes to an existing MTS/CLIA license. Some of the most common are listed below. Contact the LQA office either by e-mail (find the e-mail addresses on the LQA website) or by calling 206-418-5600 if you have questions. The LQA website address is <http://www.doh.wa.gov/lqa/htm>.

- **Director Change:** Use the "Change in Director" form found on the LQA website.
- **Lab Contact Change:** Use the "Change in Lab Contact" form found on the LQA website to change the Lab Contact, Microbiology Contact, and Cytology Contact.
- **Test Menu Change:** Use the "Test Menu Change Notification Form" found on the LQA website. Use this form for test menu or test volume changes for all license types. The LQA office will contact you if this change results in a license category or type change.
- **Name, Address, Phone and Fax Number Change:** Use the "Demographic Change Form" found on the LQA website.

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- **Change of Ownership:** Complete a new MTS/CLIA license application form (see below).

**MTS/CLIA Licenses:** The MTS/CLIA licenses issued by the new computer system look different. The information is the same, but the format and appearance are different. Please note that your MTS license number is now an eight-digit number. This is an example of a Certificate of Waiver license number (MTSW.FS.XXXXXXXXX).

**Calling LQA for Assistance:** Please have your MTS license number and/or CLIA number available when you call LQA with questions about your license. This will help us give you more rapid assistance. Your MTS license number and CLIA number are on your MTS license.

**MTS/CLIA License Applications:** There are now four different MTS license application forms available on the

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### Practice Guidelines

The following practice guidelines have been developed by the Clinical Laboratory Advisory Council. They can be accessed at the following website:  
[www.doh.wa.gov/lqa.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/lqa.htm)

Anemia	Lipid Screening
ANA	PAP Smear
Bioterrorism Event Mgmt	Point-of-Care Testing
Bleeding Disorders	PSA
Chlamydia	Rash Illness
Diabetes	Red Cell Transfusion
Group A Strep Pharyngitis	Renal Disease
Group B Streptococcus	STD
Hepatitis	Thyroid
HIV	Tuberculosis
Infectious Diarrhea	Urinalysis
Intestinal Parasites	Wellness

# Basic Courses In Parasitology: A Four-Part Series

## Course Objective:

Participants will gain confidence in the identification of intestinal and blood parasites from concentrates, permanent stain preparations, and blood smears upon completion of the four-part wet laboratory courses.

## Course Location:

The course is located at the Washington State Public Health Laboratories in Shoreline, Washington.

## Course Content:

Participants will receive information designed to assist them in the identification of intestinal and blood parasites through a series of lectures and slides. Ample time will be given to test their skills in the hands-on microscopic identification of intestinal and blood parasites.

## Part I: Helminths - April 8 and 9, 2009

Participants will gain confidence in the identification of intestinal parasites from the phylum helminth, which includes nematodes, cestodes, or trematodes upon completion of this two-day wet laboratory course. The laboratory sessions will focus on parasite concentrates only.

## Part II: The Protozoans - June 10 and 11, 2009

Participants will gain confidence in the identification of in-

testinal parasites from the phylum Protozoa upon completion of this two-day wet laboratory course. The laboratory sessions will focus on parasite concentrates only.

## Part III: Reading Trichromes - July 7 and 8, 2009

Participants will gain confidence in the protozoan identification by trichrome slide examination upon completion of this two-day wet laboratory course.

## Part IV: Blood Parasites - September 23 and 24, 2009

Participants will receive information designed to assist them in the identification of the different species of blood parasites. Malaria identification is the primary focus for the class. Identification of other less prevalent, medically important blood parasites such as Babesia, Leishmania, microfilaria, and Trypanisoma will be covered as well.

**Class Time:** Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of the course and the first session begins at 8:15 a.m. More information can be obtained by contacting the Training Program Assistant: phone: 206-418-5402; fax : 206-418-5445; email: [phl.training@doh.wa.gov](mailto:phl.training@doh.wa.gov). A registration form is also available on our website and at the bottom of page 3.

## Course Instructor:

Laura Kentala has over 20 year's experience in both clinical and environmental microbiology. She has worked in both public health and private laboratories. Laura has a BA Degree in Zoology with a minor in microbiology from the University of Washington. Laura has many years experience in teaching classes at the WSPHL in clinical parasitology and water bacteriology. Laboratory personnel from around the United States have attended her classes. She has authored and co-authored articles in several areas of microbiology.

## Continuing Education Units:

Students receive 1.4 CEUs for completion of each part in this series. A total of 5.6 CEUs is given for completion of the four-part series.

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LQA website (<http://www.doh.wa.gov/lqa.htm>) or from our office (call 206-418-5600). Mail new MTS license applications to the Tumwater address for initial processing. Please do not use old versions of the MTS license application. The four types of MTS licenses are:

- **Certificate of Waiver (MTSW)**
  - \* Site can only perform tests listed on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) waived test list.
  - \* *Include the biennial license fee with your application.*
- **Provider Performed Microscopic Procedures (MTSP)**
  - \* The nine approved microscopic procedures can only be performed by one of the defined licensed providers.
  - \* Site can perform tests listed on the FDA waived test list.
  - \* *Include the biennial license fee with your application.*

If you perform other than Waived or PPMP tests, you qualify for one of the following types of licenses:

- **Categorized (MTSC)** inspected by LQA.
- **Accredited (MTSA)** inspected by a private accrediting organization.

# Basic Courses In Parasitology, cont'd from page 2

## Basic Parasitology Training Course Series Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Message Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Class preference: (check as many as applicable)**

- Complete Parasitology Series, Parts I-IV (\$950.00 before April 02, 2009)
- Part I: Helminths, April 8 and 9, 2009  
\$250 before 04/02/09 & \$270 after 04/02/09
- Part II: Protozoans, June 10 and 11, 2009  
\$250 before 06/03/09 & \$270 after 06/03/09
- Part III: Trichromes, July 7 and 8, 2009  
\$250 before 07/01/09 & \$270 after 07/01/09
- Part IV: Blood Parasites, September 23 and 24, 2009  
\$250 before 09/16/09 & \$270 after 09/16/09

Complete the registration form and mail to the Department of Health, PHL Training Program, 1610 NE 150th Street \* PO Box 550501\*Shoreline, WA 98155-9701; fax to: (206) 418-5445; e-mail to: [phl.training@doh.wa.gov](mailto:phl.training@doh.wa.gov). A registration form is also available on our website at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehsphl/phl/training/train.htm>. A confirmation packet containing payment instructions and a map to the course location, will be mailed to you. Please do not send money with your registration form.

# MTS License Renewal

**Current MTS licenses expire on  
June 30, 2009.**

Fee payment cards for the renewal of your  
MTS license for the period of  
July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011,  
will be mailed on April 1, 2009.

Fee payment cards will be mailed to your  
facility mailing address.

If you do not receive your fee payment card  
by April 15, call our office at  
(206) 418-5416.

## Calendar of Events

### PHL Training Classes:

(<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehsphl/phl/training/train.htm>)

#### Basic Parasitology: Part I Helminths (2-Day Class)

April 8-9                      Shoreline

#### ASCLS-WA Spring Meeting

April 16-18                  Spokane

#### Northwest Medical Laboratory Symposium

October 21-24              Seatt,e

#### 16th Annual Clinical Laboratory Conference

November                      Seattle

Contact information for the events listed above can be found on page 2. The Calendar of Events is a list of upcoming conferences, deadlines, and other dates of interest to the clinical laboratory community. If you have events that you would like to have included, please mail them to ELABORATIONS at the address on page 2. Information must be received at least one month before the scheduled event. The editor reserves the right to make final decisions on inclusion.

For persons with disabilities, this document is available upon request in other formats. To submit a request, please call 1-800-525-0127 (TTY/TDD 1-800-833-6388).



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