

# Why volunteer as an EQA scheme assessor with EMQN?

## Your contribution matters!

### Benefits to patients:

- Improve patient safety by alerting laboratories to problems with their methodology.
- Help genomics laboratories write unambiguous and accurate reports.
- Help genomics laboratories to stay abreast of new developments.

### Benefits to the wider genomics community:

- Our focus is on education and patient safety, so with your help we can help laboratories across the world to improve their clinical services. We also work with our teams to develop new EQA schemes to meet service needs.

### Benefits to you:

- Share your experience of diagnostic testing and clinical report writing with global colleagues.
- Improve your networking and scientific discussions with other international experts.
- Stay up to date with the latest developments for your Continued Professional Development (CPD).

### Benefits to your laboratory / organisation:

- Report back what you have learnt to improve your own organisation's clinical service.
- Reimbursement for the costs of attending the annual assessment meeting.
- Annual discount on EQA scheme participation fees.

### Benefits to EMQN:

- Assessors bring their knowledge and ideas to our growing organisation.
- Our expert assessment teams ensure independence and are renowned for their knowledge.

### Testimonials from our existing assessors on the benefits of volunteering with EMQN:

"It broadened my horizons. I have improved the reporting at my institute."

"I feel very privileged to be an EMQN assessor; a valuable experience – thank you."

"I enjoy my role as an assessor and knowing we are making a difference for users in terms of improving their service and patient care.

Everyone is friendly and welcoming, and we are all there for the same reason.

I have also gained knowledge and connections which benefits me in my role as a clinical scientist."

## Interested in contributing to EMQN?

### You will require:

- Several years of experience working in a clinical genetics department (or a good clinical diagnostic research background) and / or involvement in diagnostic genome testing and writing / reviewing clinical diagnostic reports.
- A total time commitment of 3-4 days per year (of which 2 would usually be off-site at our annual assessment meeting, often in a nice European city) for 3 successive EQA schemes.

### The role includes:

- Preparation of 'mock' clinical case referrals and advising on EQA marking criteria.
- Assessment of a cohort of anonymised participant EQA reports and results.
- Contributing to and reviewing of EQA Scheme Reports and reviewing of complex appeals.
- Training for the role will be provided.

## Come and join us!

Complete the Application Form [here](#).

If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them at: [office@emqn.org](mailto:office@emqn.org)

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