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**Additional Q & A from
“POC—Do You Know What You Don't Know?” Webinar**

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Q1: For glucometer CAP surveys, what is required?

A1: “The requirement is to perform some type of alternate assessment twice per year. The CAP will not be offering the WBG survey starting in 2017. Laboratories that subscribed to that survey are being automatically enrolled in the Quality Crosscheck product, as a way to perform alternate assessment. There is any number of ways to fulfill this requirement. Your laboratory director is responsible to ensure that you have adequately met this requirement.”

Q2: How do you show monitoring of an IQCP program throughout the year without relying solely on the Director of the Lab's annual sign-off?

A2: “IQCP should be a part of your Quality Management Program so you can use minutes from Quality meetings. You can also use documentation of investigations of failures, complaints, and occurrences. There will be a new QM form coming soon specifically for IQCP assessment. Watch the CAP website's IQCP page!”

Q3: How do you verify ABG normal ranges?

A3: “You can use historic data, published normal ranges, nationally recognized ranges, ranges suggested by your manufacturer – there are all sorts of resources published. It is not suggested that you draw arterial samples on 10-20 normal people to run ranges that way – too invasive. If you want to do that process, use venous samples and if the venous samples on your normal people all fall within the published range that you have chosen, then you can **infer** that arterial samples would do the same.”

Q4: For the i-STAT system, does the internal quality control count as operator-performed QC?

A4: “Yes, it counts. External liquid QC **should** also be run by operators but does not **have** to be.”

Q5: Can POCCs perform all liquid external QC?

A5: “If external QC is the only QC (CLIA default QC), then no...it would need to be performed by POC operators.

If there is internal QC that is performed by the operators and the external liquid QC is performed every 31 days or at lot changes, then yes...the POCC can do the external liquid QC.”