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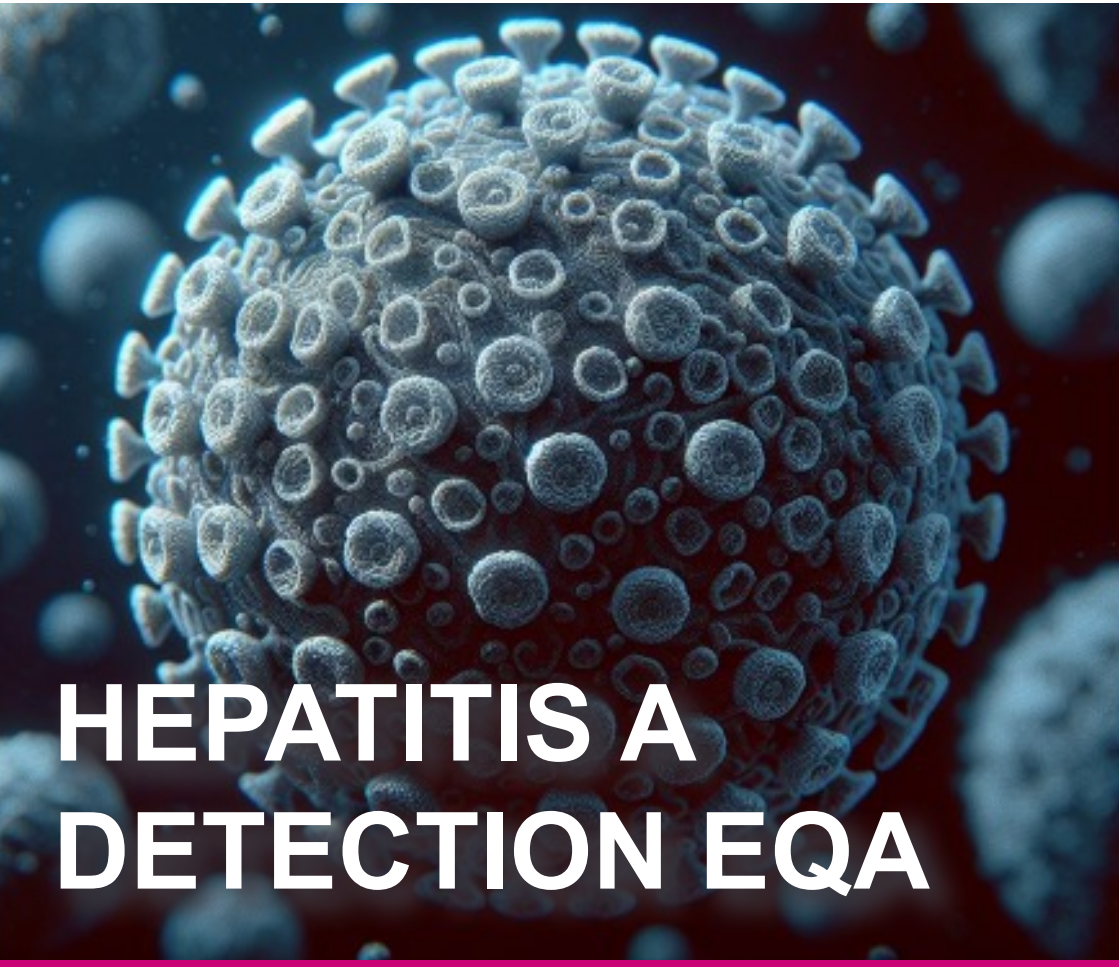

HEPATITIS A DETECTION EQA

External Quality Assessment (EQA) scheme for laboratories performing testing for HAV

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Hepatitis A detection

EQA intended for the evaluation of diagnostic assays for HAV IgM • HAV IgG/total Ab • HAV RNA

- Participants are evaluated on the qualitative interpretation of results (positive/equivocal/negative) based on the specifications of their assays
- Individual reporting for each marker (no penalty for not testing all markers)
- Suitable for all serological assays and point-of-care testing assays
- Suitable for qualitative nucleic acid detection assays
- Assay-specific reporting of results – enables comparison of results with peer group as well as other commonly used assays
- 2 distributions each containing 4 serum specimens per year
- 3-week period for examination and reporting results
- Intended results will be available for viewing on our website, within three days of the distribution closing, and individual report detailing performance analysis, issued within 20 working days
- Scheme supported by qualified and experienced professionals
- Educational
- Country-specific performance analysis provided where sufficient laboratories (from that country) take part
- Participants can request repeat samples free of charge, to assist with investigations in the event of an EQA failure

*Please note that this scheme is not ISO/IEC 17043:2023 accredited, but follows the same principle as accredited schemes.

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