

FROM THE DIVISION CHAIR

T. Scott Isbell PhD, DABCC, Chair-Elect AACC Critical and Point of Care Testing Division

Wow, what an honor to be selected to Chair the AACC CPCOT Division! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the past two previous Chairs – Dr. Bill Clarke (2013-2014) and Dr. Marcia Zucker (2014-2015). Make sure you read Marcia's closing comments on page 2.

Under their collective leadership big improvements have been made including a restructuring of how the Division handles fundraising, selection of award winners, and nomination of future officers. These improvements were codified by changes to the Division's by-laws in 2013, thus implementing processes which allow for the continued growth and success of the Division.



I would also like to thank all the members of the Division; you are what make this Division so vibrant, successful, and fun! Thank you for the hours of volunteering spent organizing the events and activities so vital to the advancement of knowledge around point of care testing. Without you there would be no Point of Care Forum at the Annual Meeting (see page 4), there would be no Mixer (see page 3), no AfterGlow (see page 6), no Point of Care Specialist Training Program, and no Newsletter!

Last but certainly not least I would like to thank our industry partners for supporting the Division, without your support we would not have all the wonderful aforementioned programs, nor would we have the technologies that both facilitate patient care and give us something to research.

Turning our attention to 2015, it is my pleasure to announce and congratulate the winners, listed on page 2 of our recent Elections! I would also like to acknowledge the Nominating Committee for putting together an excellent slate of candidates.

We have a big year coming up. I look forward to your continued participation in the advancement of critical and point of care testing.

Most sincerely,

T. Scott Isbell PhD, DABCC

Chair, AACC Critical and Point of Care Testing Division

FROM THE PAST DIVISION CHAIR



I cannot believe that the year has flown by so quickly! It has been a busy and exciting year for the CPOCT Division. This year's annual meeting was a great success with many symposia, short courses and brown bag sessions focused on CPOCT topics. The division meeting was well attended and I had the honor and privilege of introducing the recipients of this year's awards.

In addition to awards for best abstract and outstanding research, Peggy Mann and Martha Lyons were recognized for lifetime achievement receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award for Coordinators of Point of Care Testing and the Outstanding Contributions to Point of Care Testing Award, respectively. Nadjwa

Adlan became the first POCC from outside the US to receive the Point of Care Coordinator of the Year Award. Congratulations again to all our award recipients.

Almost 200 individuals attended this year's Point of Care Coordinator's Forum at the AACC Annual Meeting. This year the topic was "CAP and TJC Considerations for Risk-Based QC Practices and Preparation Tips for POC Testing Programs." Speakers included representatives of The Joint Commission and College of American Pathologists as well as a panel of point of care coordinators speaking to the implementation of risk based systems in their facilities (see page ___ for details on how to access presentations from the Forum).

We are also held the very successful 25th CPOCT International Symposium. This year's theme was Real World and Emerging Applications for Improved Clinical Outcomes. There were five scientific sessions included in this meeting: POCT for emergency preparedness and resource limited settings; POCT for infectious disease; POCT and molecular diagnostics; POCT for assessment of coagulation and Practical applications of POCT: Data driven solutions for improved outcomes. In each session there was at least one clinician discussing clinical application and needs assessment for point of care and at least one individual discussing novel technologies to answer point of care needs. The meeting was well attended (318 registrants; 80 poster presentations) and each session was accompanied by lively question and answer sessions.

Many new faces participated in coordinating all these events, and my sincerest thanks to all of you for your efforts. I look forward to seeing more new faces over the coming year. It has been fun, and a lot of work, but as I look forward to my term next year as Past-Chair, I know that I am leaving the division in the capable hands of Scott Isbell.

Sincerely,
Marcia L. Zucker, Ph.D., ZIVD, LLC
Past Chair AACC Critical and Point-of-Care Testing Division

2015 DIVISION OFFICERS

Newly elected Officers for 2015 are...		
Officer	Name	Institution
Chair-Elect	Ms. Karen Jenkins	Emory University
Treasurer	Dr. Sarah Brown	Washington University School of Medicine
Members at Large	Ms. Kim Skala	Instrumentation Laboratories
	Dr. LV Rao	UMass Memorial Hospital
Nominating Committee	Ms. Monica Thomas	Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
	Dr. Nicole Tolan	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Previously elected Officers serving terms in 2015		
Officer	Name	Institution
Secretary	Ms. Kerstin Halverson	Children's Hospitals and Clinics, Minneapolis
Members at Large	Dr. Sharon Geaghan	Stanford University
	Dr. Martha Lyon	Royal University Hospital
Nominating Committee	Dr. Angela Ferguson	Mercy Children's Hospital
	Dr. Brad Karon	Mayo Clinic

SCENES FROM THE 2014 MIXER



A large crowd turned out for the CPOCT Mixer and Awards Program, hosted by Division Chair Marcia Zucker (above right).



Abby Jones received the Best Annual Meeting Abstract Award for Outstanding Research in the Area of CPOCT



Peggy Mann received the Lifetime Achievement award for Directors of Point-of-Care Testing.



Tanya Ferguson received the CPOCT Research Grant award.



Martha Lyon received the award for 'Outstanding Contributions to Point-of-Care Testing'



As always the Mixer is a great place to network with peers and catch up with friends!

2014 CPOCT DIVISION FORUM RECAP

“CAP AND TJC CONSIDERATIONS FOR RISK-BASED QC PRACTICES AND PREPARATION TIPS FOR POC TESTING PROGRAMS”



A large crowd was on hand as the Critical and Point-of-Care Testing Division held its 12th Annual Point-of-Care (POC) Coordinators Forum in Chicago, IL on Thursday July 31st, 2014. The POC Coordinators Forum is an educational event and this year's program highlighted current accreditation organization efforts and updates related to POC testing quality control practices based on risk management principles.

Emerging strategies in POC testing for utilizing risk assessment findings in the development of quality control and quality assessment plans were discussed by a panel of experienced POC Coordinators.

We are pleased to provide presentations from our panel on the CPOCT Division website. To access any of them, go to the link at the bottom of this page.



POC Coordinators Forum – CAP

Jean Ball, MBA, MT(HHS), MLT(ASCP Inspections Team Lead, College of American Pathologists, Laboratory Accreditation Program, Northfield, IL

POC Coordinators Forum – TJC

Stacy Olea, MBA, MT(ASCP), FACHE, Field Director, The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Accreditation and Certification Operations

Risk-Based Quality Control Practices: ISTAT INR/PT

May Louie, CLS, POCT and PSC Operations Manager, Stanford University Medical Center, Point-Of-Care-Testing Department, Clinical Laboratories, Palo Alto, CA

Risk-Based QC Practices: Amnisure

Linda Seefluth, BSMLT(ASCP), MBA, Point of Care Services Manager, Marshfield Laboratories, Point of Care Department, Marshfield, WI

Risk Assessed QC Plan i-STAT Lactate

Lou Ann Wyer, MS, MT(ASCP), CQA(ASQ), Laboratory Director, Sentara Healthcare, Clinical Laboratory Department, Norfolk, VA

<https://www.aacc.org/community/divisions/critical-and-point-of-care-testing/poc-coordinators-forum>

2015 POCT COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

NOMINATE YOURSELF OR A PEER FOR THIS SPECIAL AWARD!

The POCT Coordinator Award is given annually to recognize outstanding achievements in the POCT field by persons who are primarily responsible for a given institution's POCT program.

The award is not limited to persons or programs within the United States. Selection is made by the Awards Committee of the AACC Critical and Point-of-Care Testing Division and is based on the extent of the nominee's responsibilities and accomplishments, particularly the impact this person has made in improving the quality of the POCT program at their facility.

Requirements

POCT Coordinator or equivalent for at least 12 months (Coordinator in job title is not required!)

POCT program must have passed an inspection from an outside accrediting agency during the nominee's tenure.

Three letters of recommendation from among the following:

- POCT Director/ Laboratory Director.
- Nursing Administrator/Director.
- Non-Lab Medical Director using POCT testing.
- Nurse Manager or other RN involved in the program.
- Nominator (may be vendor or other manufacturing representative)

Selection of the POCT Coordinator of the Year will be based upon the scope of the nominee's responsibilities, as well as, the achievement of a positive impact on POCT at their facility.

Therefore, letters of recommendation should address the following, where applicable, as they apply to the nominee:

- A summary of QA or PI activities which demonstrate the impact the applicant has made on quality of POCT.
- A summary of any special projects or programs designed and implemented by the nominee.
- Describe how the nominee enhances, or has improved, interdepartmental communication.
- Summarize nominee's activities which have addressed/improved patient outcomes.
- How QC has been facilitated
- Other notable POCT accomplishments (e.g., invited presentations, publications, abstracts, roundtable, workshops, etc.).

All letters should include the name and contact information for person submitting the letter.

Submit Your Application Today!

Please complete the application answering all questions. Compile with supporting letters and other documentation into one document and email to the AACC CPOCT Division at division@aacc.org. The completed packet must be received by March 15 to be considered for the current year award.

2014 POCT COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

Najwa Adlan from King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Najwa Adlan, CPHHA(AIHQ), POCC(AACC) was born in Jeddah/Saudi. She is a bachelor's degree graduate from King Saud University in Riyadh/Saudi.

She is a Certified MT Specialist from Saudi Commission for Healthcare Specialties; finished "POCT Management Course" from Greenwich University/UK, In addition; she is a Certified Trainer & Certified Personal Coach.



Najwa Adlan is shown with former POCCs of the Year (from left to right) Karen Jenkins, Peggy Mann, Deanna Bogner, Kim Skala, and Loy Ann Wyer.

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SCENES FROM AFTERGLOW 2014...

“Speakeasy” was the theme at the AfterGlow @ AACC event that followed the CPOCT Meeting and Mixer and was attended by nearly 200 POCCs and POCT industry personnel. AfterGlow 2014 followed successful events in Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Anaheim, Chicago, Washington, DC and in Orlando and was co-hosted by the CPOCT Division, and made possible by POC vendors. Many thanks go out the AfterGlow organizing committee for the time spent in planning and decorating. The photos on this page don’t do justice the creativity and imagination that the planners had. AfterGlow 2015 plans are already underway as the Annual Meeting heads back to Atlanta!



2014 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM RECAP...

CRITICAL AND POINT-OF-CARE TESTING: REAL WORLD AND EMERGING APPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVED CLINICAL OUTCOMES



The 2014 International POCT Symposium was held in San Diego, CA from September 18-20. The Keynote Presentation was given by Carl Wittwer, MD, PhD, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, USA who discussed 'Complex molecular tests at the point of care: Current 1-hour sample-to-answer panels and the future potential of PCR in < 1 minute'. A number of informative and well attended sessions included:

- POCT and Molecular Diagnostics
- POCT and Infectious Disease
- POCT for Assessment of Coagulation
- POCT for Emergency Preparedness and Resource Limited Countries
- Practical Apps of POCT: Data Driven Solutions for Improved Outcomes

In addition, a number of vendors presented throughout the meeting. A number of presentations have been posted on the AACC website. Use the link below to access the slides you're interested in.



More information is available at <https://www.aacc.org/meetings-and-events/resources-from-past-meetings/conference-resources/2014-conference-archives/sep-18-20>. For recorded sessions, visit <http://aacc.veomed.net>

SAVE THE DATE: AACC'S PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN CLINICAL CHEMISTRY

Practical Solutions for Patient Centered POCT April 8, 2015 - AACC Virtual Conference

Managing your POCT program requires solid knowledge of testing processes, tremendous attention to detail, excellent communication and leadership skills, and an unwavering commitment to continuous quality improvement.

This self-paced virtual program features an expert faculty and continuing education credit. Attendees will participate in presentations with live Q&A, a poster session, and online discussions with POCT professionals facing the same challenges and opportunities, with an eye to enhancing the multifaceted set of skills needed to properly manage POCT.

The cost-effective virtual conference experience gives you all the content and networking opportunities of a face-to-face conference without leaving your office. No travel, no hotel costs, and no worrying if there will still be space in the overhead bin once you get onboard the plane.

Some of this year's highlights include:

- Optimizing POCT data capture with middleware
- POCT for pain management
- QA/QC
- Cardiac markers in the emergency department
- Options for near-patient HIV testing
- The wide world of POCT accreditation standards
- Meeting regulatory requirements in targeted and system-wide POCT solutions
- Waived testing vs. alternate site testing
- Relevant testing guidelines
- Standards for blood glucose meters and their effect on patient care
- BGM for use in critically ill patients

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SUPPORTING PATIENT CARE FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE
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A faculty of top-notch speakers who will share with you their knowledge and experiences for a variety of specialized inpatient, outpatient and preventive health centers of care and spanning the entire patient age spectrum.

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- A case study
- Best practices for laboratory testing in patient care
- The technical challenges of laboratory diagnostics

This new format promises to cover all of the latest developments, controversies and challenges we face in our daily careers as laboratory professionals.

Whether you manage laboratory operations, advise clinicians on test ordering choices, interpret test results, work in the in vitro diagnostic industry, develop regulations for laboratory testing, and/or are in training for a laboratory career, you will learn new strategies to maximize the performance and value of the clinical laboratory.

Register today at www.aacc.org/professionalpractice.

