



**ANNOUNCEMENT RE: 2020 PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM
 SCREENING DRUG TESTING LABORATORIES**

Pursuant to Section 16 of the "Implementing Rules and Regulations Governing the Accreditation for Drug Testing Laboratories" in the Philippines, the National Reference Laboratory for Environmental and Occupational Health, Toxicology and Micronutrient Assay located at East Avenue Medical Center (NRL-EAMC) is mandated by the Department of Health in coordination with the Bureau of Health Facilities and Services (BHFS) to implement Proficiency Testing (PT) program for all accredited drug testing laboratories nationwide. All accredited drug-testing laboratories applying for renewal of accreditation must participate and pass satisfactorily. The major goal of the program is to ensure the accuracy and quality of laboratory test results issued by DOH-accredited drug testing laboratories.

NRL-EAMC is pleased to announce the schedule of the 2020 PT Program for Screening Drug Testing Laboratory (2020 SDTL PT), the 11th PT since its implementation in 2009. Due to the national scope of this activity which comprises more than 1,000 accredited SDTLs, PT samples will be sent in 3 batches from **March to July 2020 (TENTATIVE DATES)** following the list below:

- March 3, 2020** - Cycle 1
- May 5, 2020** - Cycle 2
- July 7, 2020** - Cycle 3
- July 21, 2020** - Cycle 4*

*for laboratories ONLY which will fail and be given a repeat test

A participation fee of **PhP1,000.00** will be charged to the participating laboratory to defray the cost of reagents, supplies, and other operating expenses. Laboratory may pay directly to EAMC Cashier in cash, Postal Money Order, Government check or Manager's Check or through LBC Pesopak Door to Door Delivery using the following details:

For Postal Money Order, Gov't and Manager's Check

Pay to/ Payee: East Avenue Medical Center
 Address: East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
 Sum of: One thousand pesos

For LBC Pesopak Door to Door Delivery

Payee: Augusto A. Misolas
 Address: National Reference Lab, East Ave Med Center
East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City


Participants are required to **register and completely fill out the attached registration form and submit it by mail/ courier to NRL-EAMC on or before May 31, 2020**. PT samples shall only be provided to laboratory after NRL-EAMC received registration and payment. Participating laboratories will be given ten (10) unknown samples of THC/Meth with different concentrations. These samples shall be treated as regular samples and analyzed using normal laboratory conditions.

For more inquiries contact **Mr Justin Reyes / Ms Devine Paculba at (+632)8930-7875, Ms Maricar Aggarao / Mr Jerry Ching at (+632)8930-7879**, or mobile numbers **0966-695-2397, or 0933-562-9580** or through email address **nrldrugtesting@gmail.com**. Information can further be accessed through web address **nrleamcdoh.org**.

For information and guidance.


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