

**2005 Institute for Quality in Laboratory Medicine (IQLM) Conference:
Recognizing Excellence in Practice
Conference Overview**

**Dates &
Location**

April 28-30, 2005
Omni Hotel at CNN Center
Atlanta, GA

Description

This was a 2 ½ day meeting to showcase best practices and innovation in the field of laboratory medicine and to recognize the contributions of organizations and individuals to the field.

**Program
highlights**

The program:

- Provided sessions on translating laboratory practice research into practical strategies for improving health care.
 - Highlighted laboratory practices that lead to substantial improvements in health care access, effectiveness, safety, patient centeredness, timeliness, and efficiency.
 - Presented recognition awards to individuals and organizations for their contributions to the field of laboratory medicine and the improvement of health care.
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**Conference
goals**

Goals of the Conference were to:

- Provide a forum for partners and attendees to discuss mechanisms for improving the quality and safety of laboratory services.
 - Provide information on the development of the Institute for Quality in Laboratory Medicine (IQLM).
 - Provide updates on the progress of IQLM projects to develop laboratory based quality indicators and establish monitoring networks.
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Attendance

The target audience for this conference included:

- Healthcare Providers
 - Policy Makers
 - Laboratory Professionals
 - Diagnostic Industry Representatives
 - Accrediting and Standard Setting Organization Representatives
 - Patient Advocates
 - Hospital Administrators
 - Purchasers/Health Insurers
 - Health System Researchers
 - Public Health Practitioners
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