



Closing Plenary ILAC Survey And QMS Traceability Issues

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QMS and Traceability Issues

- Got some consensus on identifying what the lab needs to provide as evidence of physical traceability. Calibration certificates and scopes of accreditation of their calibration suppliers.
- Much broader understanding of how “verification” and “calibration” differ.
- Should develop more consistent guidelines to give to assessors from their involvement (this session) and the Program Committee and Advisory Panel. Base the “rule” on best practice.



QMS and Traceability Issues

- Did not get consensus on how to handle expired standards. Issues centre around
 - How to determine whether or not they continue to perform
 - Whether the simple fact that they have expired (according to the manufacturer) invalidates the result in court.
 - Confidence that can be established in Hamilton Syringes.



ILAC Survey Issues (Interpretation of Requirements)

- Got consensus on the responses received from assessors.
- Developed consensus on the answers developed from the in-class quiz.
- P07 - *CAEAL Interpretation of Requirements in ISO/IEC 17025*, A61 - *CAEAL Traceability Policy*, and T27 - *CAEAL 17025 Handbook* developed as aids to both assessors and labs and continued input is sought on their revision.



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