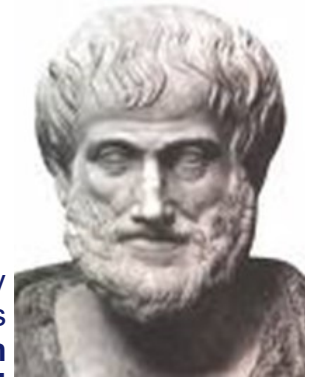


## **FOCUS ON** Using External Quality Assessment (EQA) to improve your diagnostic service

*‘Quality is not an act, it is habit’*

Aristotle, Greek philosopher (~350 BC)

In the fast developing world of genomic testing, External Quality Assessment (EQA) is not only an important tool for your laboratory’s **Internal Quality Management** and a **requirement for accreditation** but also an **assurance for service users of the competence and standard of your laboratory**.



This webinar is aimed at **new and junior laboratory staff** and will give an introduction to the benefits and importance of EQA participation as well as outline the process.

A Q&A session after the webinar will give participants the opportunity to engage with GenQA staff (including GenQA Quality Manager).

### Using EQA to improve your diagnostic service webinar

**Wednesday 24th February 2021, 10am GMT**

- **ISO Standard 15189**
  - \* Participation in EQA requirement for each diagnostic test (if EQA available)
- **OECD Guidelines**
  - \* Specific requirements for quality and competency
  - \* Recommended participation in EQA
- **Laboratory Responsibilities**
  - \* EQA programmes that check the entire examination process (including pre- and post-examination procedures)
  - \* Develop quality policy that includes EQA
  - \* Participate in the implementation of corrective actions
- **LIVE Question and Answer session**

Register for the free webinar and live Q&A session, at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8836332261724509199> by **22nd February 2021**

If you wish to submit a question for the Q&A session, then please email [info@genqa.org](mailto:info@genqa.org)

Registered participants will have priority access to the webinar for one month (if you are unable to join us on the day).

**FOCUS ON next month:**

**Molecular Pathology: RET testing**