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In this month's newsletter, we explore key insights in our featured article, "**Lean Labs – Enhancing Efficiency and Productivity**", highlighting how laboratories can streamline operations and improve performance. We also discuss the critical importance of global access to fresh drinking water with a spotlight on a significant Australian initiative, supported by NATA accreditation, that will mandate lead-free plumbing products by 2026 to enhance drinking water quality.

We hope you find this edition valuable, and as always, welcome your feedback and story ideas to ensure our newsletter remains relevant to you and your organisation.

Lean Laboratories: Enhancing Efficiency and Productivity

Lean principles are helping transform laboratory operations by reducing waste, streamlining workflows and improving

efficiency. Originally developed for manufacturing, these methodologies have proven highly effective in laboratory settings by minimising delays, optimising space and enhancing employee productivity.

By implementing strategies such as standardised workflows and continuous improvement initiatives, laboratories can significantly reduce turnaround times, errors and operational costs. The result? A more efficient and high-performing laboratory that delivers faster and more accurate results.

Curious about how to implement Lean in your laboratory? This article breaks Lean down into practical steps, from identifying and eliminating waste to optimising sample flow and engaging employees. Whether you're looking to improve efficiency, cut costs or enhance quality, Lean methodologies offer a structured approach to achieving these goals.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

World Water Day: Improving Drinking Water Quality

World Water Day highlights the clear importance of global access to fresh drinking water. A key Australian initiative, supported by NATA accreditation, will see a requirement for lead-free plumbing products to improve Australian drinking water quality by 2026.

See March's edition of *NATA News*, for the article '*Getting the lead out*'.

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26 June

29 April - 01 July

13 May & 30 June

13-15 May

7-8 April

6-8 May & 24-26 June

27 March & 7 May

5 June

9-10 April & 25-26 June

8-9 July

25-26 March

6 May

8 April & 24 June



An ailment suspected to be diabetes was recognised by the Egyptians in manuscripts dating back to approximately 1550 B.C. According to one study, ancient Indians (circa 400–500 A.D.) had already identified two types of diabetes. They tested for diabetes, which they called “honey urine”, by determining if ants were attracted to a person’s urine.



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