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COURSE CALENDAR

Articles

When Everything Feels Urgent: Managing Risk and Priorities in Laboratory Teams.

ARTICLE

When everything feels urgent, laboratory teams can quickly become reactive, focusing on immediate demands rather than the areas of greatest risk.

This article explores how operational pressure impacts decision-making, prioritisation, and quality outcomes, and outlines practical strategies laboratories can use to manage competing priorities more effectively while maintaining confidence in results.



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Recent events

Principles of Pathology Test Verification and Validation for 4Cyte Pathology

We recently delivered a comprehensive workshop on *Principles of Pathology Testing Verification and Validation*, presented by Dr Leesa Bruggink, which brought together laboratory professionals to strengthen their understanding of quality management, risk-based thinking, and best-practice approaches to test validation.

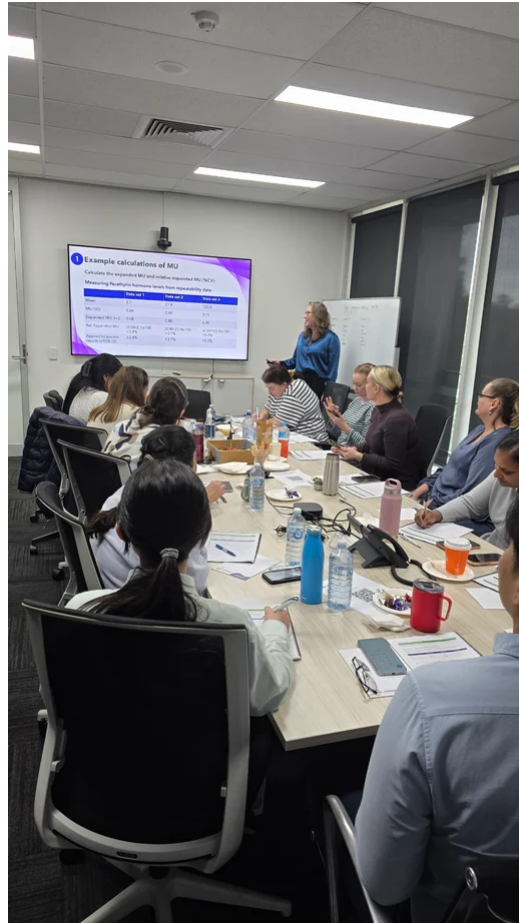
Throughout the day, participants explored the differences between test verification and validation, the key stages of planning and implementing a validation project,

measurement of uncertainty, risk assessment processes and continuous quality monitoring. Practical group activities and real-world case studies gave attendees the opportunity to apply their knowledge to scenarios commonly encountered in pathology and diagnostic laboratories.

The workshop also focused on building confidence in preparing clear, audit-ready validation reports and understanding accreditation expectations under ISO 15189 and NPAAC requirements. Attendees worked collaboratively on validation planning exercises, risk management activities and implementation strategies designed to support high-quality, reliable laboratory testing.

Thank you to Leesa, the management team at 4Cyte Pathology and all participants for contributing to an engaging and highly interactive training session.





Upcoming events

NATA Accreditation Matters Conference

7-8 July 2026 in Melbourne

We are excited to be exhibiting and presenting at this year's conference and look forward to seeing you there.

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Did you know?



The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia's workforce review found that pathology workforce shortages in Australia are expected to continue worsening over the next 15 years, with some disciplines projected to face critical shortfalls.

See you next month.

Regards,

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