

## External Quality Assurance NEQAS

### Point of care testing scheme – web-based participation

All CoaguChek<sup>®</sup> meters must be registered with the NEQAS (National External Quality Assurance Scheme) quality assurance scheme.

NEQAS send out samples four times a year which must be tested on the appropriate CoaguChek<sup>®</sup> machine. The test results are sent to NEQAS who compare them with results from all the other CoaguChek<sup>®</sup> meters in the scheme. The participant is then informed if the CoaguChek<sup>®</sup> machine produced a result that is within an acceptable range and therefore confirming accuracy of CoaguChek<sup>®</sup> results.

**In the interest of Patient Safety all CoaguChek<sup>®</sup> machines MUST have a record of NEQAS Reports confirming it is producing acceptable readings.**

It is now possible for participants to enter results and download survey reports online, using the UK NEQAS (Blood Coagulation) website ([www.uknegasbc.org](http://www.uknegasbc.org)). This system is accessed by a participant-specific secure password which was sent out with your registration documents. Please keep this password in a secure place, as it will not be provided with survey documentation for data security reasons. A reminder of the password can be sent to the registered participant email.

#### To enter results, proceed as follows:-

- Log in to [www.uknegasbc.org](http://www.uknegasbc.org)
- Click on the “survey data entry system” button (at the bottom left of the screen).
- Enter your 5 digit participant number (without any letters).
- Enter your password.
- This opens a list of recent surveys with the most recent at the top. If you are trying to enter results the survey needs to be active.
- Select the current survey and click to open the results page.
- Enter your results.
- Click on the “complete” button to send your results to the database.
- After the survey has closed and the analysis has been performed (usually 1-2 weeks) you can print reports through this system by opening the required survey and clicking on the report button. If you provide us with an email address, we can alert when this is available.

Please note the following points:

1. Participants registered for web-based reporting will **not** receive result sheets with their samples, but will be expected to return results on-line.
2. Hard copies of reports will be sent, but participants will be able to download and print survey reports and other information directly from the website.
3. Reports will be posted to the web approximately 1 week after the survey closing date. Participants can be alerted to the availability of reports if a valid email address has been provided – please check and/or amend the appropriate section of the enclosed re-registration form.