

## FOCUS ON GenQA EQAs for Clinical Genetics

Genetic testing has developed significantly over the past few years and new External Quality Assessments (EQAs) have been introduced to reflect these changes in diagnostic practice. Furthermore, the ESHG Board and Quality Subcommittee (ESHG QSC) recognised the need for an EQA in Clinical Genetics and in 2014 the ESHG QSC requested GenQA provide an online Clinical Genetics EQA.

The EQAs provided are educational and enable centres to externally verify the quality of their clinical service. There are four Clinical Genetics EQAs:

- **Cardiovascular Genetics**
- **Dysmorphology**
- **Monogenic Disorders**
- **Oncogenetics**



### 2020 Clinical Genetics EQAs:

- **Open for participation in October**
- **Rotation of disorders so EQA available for all**
- **Introduction of a pass and fail performance category**
- **Performance criteria under preparation**
- **Discussions with the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) to recognise these EQAs for CME at European level**

### EDUCATION

As participant meetings have been postponed during 2020, GenQA is holding monthly webinars to promote our educational commitment.

#### **Clinical Genetics webinar Thursday 23rd July 2020 (10am BST)**

- Summary of the 2020 EQAs
- How to navigate the case scenarios on the website
- Example case scenarios from previous years
- Improvements seen in EQA submissions over the years
- Individual competency assessment for variant interpretation
- LIVE question and answer session

Register for the free webinar and Q&A session, at <https://tinyurl.com/yakuh22f> by 17th July. 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 23rd July).

We look forward to receiving your questions!

**FOCUS ON next month:**

**Haematological Neoplasms**