



2022 CSCC Award for Innovation in Laboratory Medicine
Sponsored by Roche

The CSCC is pleased to award the 2022 Award for Innovation in Laboratory Medicine, sponsored by Roche Diagnostics, to the CSCC Point-of-Care Testing (POCT) Special Interest Group.

The point of care testing (POCT) special interest group (SIG) of the CSCC was first established in 2014. The special interest group is made up of many dedicated members and because of their committed efforts, the group was able to publish a position statement on POCT on behalf of the CSCC in 2018 [1]. Following this publication, the group began work on a guidance document on quality assurance practices for POCT. This was published in 2021 [2] and serves as an important resource for the oversight of POCT.

A sub-group of POCT SIG members, under the leadership of Dr. Angela Fung, has been formed to address concerns and provide recommendations for intrapartum fetal scalp lactate testing. This group has been successful in publishing recommendations in the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada [3].

The POCT SIG is currently collaborating with the CSCC Quality Indicator SIG to develop and track quality indicators for POCT, with the aim of providing consensus guidance on quality indicators for POCT. Another collaborative project between the CSCC, AACC critical and POCT Division and American Diabetes Association is being led by the POCT SIG. This project is aimed at developing consensus guidelines for the use of continuous glucose monitors in hospitalized patients.

Thank you to all members of the POCT SIG, past and present, who have contributed to these initiatives.

Paul Yip	Michael Knauer
Allison Venner	Angela Fung
Jennifer Shea	James Dalton
Anna Fuezery	Mathieu Provencal
Yun Huang	Lyne Massicotte
Lori Beach	Nicolas Tetreault
Julie Shaw, Chair POCT SIG	

References:

1. Yip PM, Venner AA, Shea J, Fuezery A, Huang Y, Massicotte L, Tetreault N, Tomalty C and Shaw JLV. Point-of-care testing: A position statement from the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists. *Clinical Biochemistry*. 2018;53:156-159.
2. Venner AA, Beach LA, Shea JL, Knauer MJ, Huang Y, Fung AWS, Dalton J, Provencal M and Shaw JLV. Quality assurance practices for point of care testing programs: Recommendations by the Canadian society of clinical chemists point of care testing interest group. *Clinical Biochemistry*. 2021;88:11-17.
3. Fung AWS, Mattman A, Wang L, Burton T, Beach LA, Fuezery AK, CSCC Point of Care Testing Interest group. Intrapartum Fetal Scalp Lactate Testing: Considerations for Implementation and Clinical Decision Making. *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada*. 2021;43(11):1244-1246.