



PARTNERSHIP for the ACCURATE TESTING of HORMONES

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PATH UPDATES

PATH Training Series & Toolkit for Promotion – PATH, in collaboration with the Endocrine Society, created and launched the Accurate Hormone Testing Series, a 4-part course exploring the endocrinologist’s main tool, hormone assays. This series seeks to educate fellows and endocrinologists on the importance of, and methods to ensure, accurate hormone testing. The four modules focus on different aspects of how to accurately test and read hormone assays. Each module includes a didactic lecture, examples, and case-based questions to test your knowledge.

- Module 1 focuses on the importance of hormone measurements and assay standardization and features Alvin M. Matsumoto, MD.
- Module 2 focuses on hormone types and characteristics of an ideal assay and features Christina Wang, MD and Frank Stanczyk, MD.
- Module 3 focuses on methods used to measure hormones and validation/judging the quality of an assay and features Kyle Lund, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD.
- Module 4, the final module, will explore factors affecting the interpretation of hormone concentrations specifically for use in diagnosing endocrine disorders and will launch later this year featuring Jack Fuqua, MD.

Each module is eligible for 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits and is available at no charge as part of the Endocrine Society’s Fellows Training Series and the Society’s public online education course catalogue. Additional details about the series, including learning objections and registration is available at: <https://education.endocrine.org/content/accurate-hormone-testing>.

We strongly encourage all PATH member organizations to help promote the series to their organizations and colleagues.

Please see [the PATH member toolkit](#) to promote the Accurate Hormone Testing Series you’re your members. Note: the password is “hormones.” The toolkit includes:

- **Sample text for an email to members, website, newsletter about the training series.**
- **Sample social media posts**
- **Graphics to be used in social media, website promotion**

UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) – APHL announces its 2022

National Biomonitoring Meeting:

APHL 2022 National Biomonitoring Meeting

January 24–26, 2022 | Virtual

Join us for the 2022 National Biomonitoring Meeting: A Systems Approach for State Biomonitoring Programs. The conference, held over three afternoons (ET), will include keynote speakers, panels of subject matter experts and reports from state biomonitoring programs across the country, including a panel on environmental justice. Details are available at:

<https://web.aphl.org/events/National-Biomonitoring-Meeting-A-Systems-Approach-for-State-Biomonitoring-Programs-4231/details>

Endocrine Society – The Endocrine Society announces the launch of a new on-demand educational activity on the importance of accurate vitamin D testing called [Clinical Application and Importance of Highly Accurate LC-MS/MS Testing, and 25\(OH\)D2/25\(OH\)D3 Fractionation for Patient Management](#). Daniel Bikle, MD, PhD, of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and University of California, San Francisco and Glenville Jones, PhD, of Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada will walk participants through the clinical application and importance of highly accurate LC-MS/MS 25(OH)D2/25(OH)D3 vitamin D testing. Upon completion of this activity, learners should be able to:

- describe the importance of proper patient classification for vitamin D status;
- analyze for serum vitamin D status; and
- build awareness for availability of LC Tandem mass spectrometry.

If your organization has news to share about what it is doing related to hormone testing, please send to mbecker@endocrine.org so we can post it on the PATH website, forward to the PATH Steering Committee and/or include in our next newsletter.

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