The name of our profession: the need for action

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Laboratory Medicine’s specialties

- Clinical chemistry
- Haematology
- Blood transfusion
- Microbiology/Virology
- Immunology
- Molecular diagnostics
Common contributions

- Leadership to ensure services meet clinical need
- Providing guidance on diagnosis, management and patient prognosis
- Assuring high clinical and analytical quality
- Providing direct clinical care
- Delivering education and training
- Leading in audit, research and development
Speaking with one voice

• Achieving recognition of professional qualifications across EU borders

• Establishing common platforms for education and training of specialists

• Ensuring common practice

• Raising awareness of laboratory medicine's contribution to better health and best care

From EFCC to EFLM
What’s in a name?

- Specialist in clinical chemistry (historical)
- Laboratory medicine specialist?
- Medical laboratory specialist?
- Specialist in laboratory medicine

The specialist in laboratory medicine

Editorial

EFLM Position Statement

Our profession now has a European name: Specialist in Laboratory Medicine

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Abstract

We need a common name to have a clear identity which best describes the scope of the work we carry out for the patients.

A clinically oriented name makes it clear that the education and training of specialists in the clinical laboratory, and hence eligibility to be on the EFLM register, is therefore needed, whatever academic background or whether laboratory or sub-specialized.

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Achieving registration

• Completion of 9 years undergraduate/post-graduate study

• Participation in a minimum of 5 years specialist training in an approved laboratory (often evidenced by attainment of an EC4-approved professional examination)

• Achievement of 14 competencies