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## How to join VQC™

### **What is VQC?**

VQC, Vital Diagnostics' quality control program, is the latest product in online, real time, electronic Quality Control. VQC is a free data analysis service that streamlines the QC process. Through peer group analysis studies, any laboratory participating in VQC can compare its laboratory's precision and accuracy to other laboratories throughout the world. QC results are entered daily and submitted for analysis. Analysis reports comparing your lab to the group can be run at anytime.

### **How to sign up**

To participate in VQC, go to [www.vitaldiagnostics.com/vqc](http://www.vitaldiagnostics.com/vqc) to register your laboratory by filling in the requested fields (laboratory name, address, etc.). Select your analyzer type, its serial number and your distributor.

Once submitted, the request is sent to Vital Diagnostics. Please allow 24 hours for processing. You will receive a confirmation email after your account has been activated. You may then enter daily QC results.

### **Entering Data**

From the main screen, click on the Enter Data tab to enter QC results for the day. Repeat until all tests have been entered. (*Note:* Laboratories using the program for sed rates only will enter results for one test, ESR.) Alternatively, results may be uploaded from an XLS file. Your lab's results are populated with peer group data once the values have been confirmed.

For additional information, click the Help button for the online User's Manual.

### **Data submission protocol**

Vital Diagnostics' QC Management requires QC data to be submitted and confirmed by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the following month to close the month. *Note:* Data for the previous month cannot be submitted after the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.

### **Data receiving protocol**

Information for your laboratory, and interim peer group data, is available at anytime. Final peer group data is available on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.

### **Disclaimer & Confidentiality**

Vital Diagnostics does not accept any responsibility for lost data or average results invalidated by erroneous data entered in the forms. Customer details and VQC data are confidential and will not be shared with third parties. See online Privacy Policy for additional details.

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