



**MLS: Laboratory Update**  
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**Information regarding MN Laboratory Personnel**  
**Licensure**  
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This is a routine message from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Laboratory System (MLS). This message is being sent to MLS laboratory contacts serving Minnesota residents. You are not required to reply to this message.

NOTE: The Minnesota Laboratory System email address has changed to: [mnlabssystem@state.mn.us](mailto:mnlabssystem@state.mn.us)

**Background Information**

In the 2007-2008 Minnesota legislative session a bill was introduced which would require that laboratory professionals have a license to practice. This bill was drafted by the Minnesota Laboratory Licensure Coalition, which is made up of representatives of laboratory professional organizations with members in the state of Minnesota. The bill did not make it out of committee during the 2007 session, but had its first hearing in the Senate in 2008.

This bill will be reintroduced in the January 2009 legislative session. The bill would require laboratory professionals to have specific education, certification and annual documentation of continuing education. Upon the effective date, all current practitioners, even if they do not possess all of the licensure requirements outlined in the bill, would be grandfathered in and the new requirements would apply to "new practitioners" only.

In order to gain a broader perspective on the opinion of the Minnesota laboratory community regarding licensure, the Laboratory Licensure Coalition is circulating a survey. It is being sent to members of the professional societies, as well as all hospital laboratories and many clinics in the state. The coalition is asking the contact person in each site to share it with their laboratory employees in order to get as inclusive a response as possible. You may access the survey directly from this message by clicking on the link below.

**To submit the on-line survey**

Please click on the following link to submit the survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=YpA2cXCXO08GCbK\\_2fhNbyIQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=YpA2cXCXO08GCbK_2fhNbyIQ_3d_3d)

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Due to the vast reach of the MLS email messaging system, the Minnesota Department of Health, Public Health Laboratory was asked by the Minnesota Laboratory Licensure Coalition to forward this information to the Minnesota laboratory community. The data for this survey is not being collected or held by MDH. Sending this message does not reflect any opinion MDH may have in regards to the licensure of MN laboratory personnel.

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