

NORWEGIAN DIABETES REGISTER FOR ADULTS

In 2006, NOKLUS was asked to prepare a Norwegian diabetes register for adults based both on the data from the diabetes form in the NOKLUS Diabetes profile and on information from diabetes outpatient clinics. The register will be used to prepare both feedbacks to interested parties and data for different research purposes. The Norwegian diabetes register for adults is financed by the Regional Health Authorities (Helseregion Vest RHF).

DIABETES – SELF-TESTING

NOKLUS collaborates with The National Insurance Administration and The Norwegian Diabetes Association to safeguard the quality of blood sugar tests carried out by diabetics.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

NOKLUS has an extensive research programme and collaborates with Department of Public Health and Primary Health Care, University of Bergen. NOKLUS is also an important advisory body for authorities who make decisions concerning laboratory medicine.

LABORATORY MEDICINE IN HOSPITALS

NOKLUS has an extensive collaboration with NKK (The Norwegian Clinical Chemistry External Quality Assurance Program), which is responsible for external quality assessment of hospital laboratories.

INFORMATION MATERIAL



This poster containing information of bloodtesting has been offered to all participants in NOKLUS. New participants can obtain a copy by applying to the laboratory consultant in their health district.

NOKLUS was established in 1992 and the activity connected with doctors' offices is financed by the Norwegian Medical Association, Quality Improvement Fund III.

Good laboratory work results in savings in community economy because patients are less prone to incorrect treatment and unnecessary consultations.

MORE INFORMATION?

Visit www.noklus.no
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NORSK KVALITETSFORBEDRING AV
LABORATORIEVIRKSOMHET UTENFOR SYKEHUS

NOKLUS helps to ensure that laboratory tests performed outside hospitals are ordered, carried out and interpreted correctly in accordance with the patient's needs for investigation, treatment and follow-up.

WHAT IS NOKLUS?

NOKLUS operates all over Norway with its central offices in Bergen and laboratory consultants and medical specialists linked to the local health enterprises. NOKLUS offers its services to all Norwegian doctors' offices and an increasing number of nursing homes and other health institutions.

WHAT CAN NOKLUS OFFER?

ADVICE AND INSTRUCTION

NOKLUS offers advice and instruction in the field of laboratory work through visits, telephone contact, and courses. More than half of those taking part are visited by NOKLUS every year. Participants can contact NOKLUS for help with problems with analysis quality and for advice on choice of equipment or other matters related to laboratory work.

If requested by the participants, NOKLUS can arrange courses of varying scope and duration. Specially adapted courses can be arranged for nursing homes and institutions participating in NOKLUS. Courses are arranged for 3000-4000 health workers every year. This makes NOKLUS one of the largest arrangers of courses for health personnel in Norway.

DAILY QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

The participants are given files containing analysis procedures, which are updated at regular intervals. The files also contain a quality control system for the analyses carried out in the participants' laboratories.



EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT

NOKLUS carries out external quality assessment programmes for analyses performed in the primary health services. Samples containing unknown concentrations of relevant substances are sent to the participants. These are analysed by the participants and the results are reported to NOKLUS. The participants are sent a written feedback and assessment of the quality of their analysis. If desired, the participants can request a follow-up up by a laboratory consultant.



HELP WITH CHOICE OF INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

NOKLUS carries out continuous assessment of the quality of instruments and methods, and offers advice regarding purchase of laboratory equipment. This service is based on the results of quality assessment programmes and testing instruments under the auspices of SKUP (The Scandinavian Evaluation of Laboratory Equipment for Primary Health Care).

See www.skup.nu



PRACTICE PROFILE AND DIABETES PROFILE

NOKLUS Practice profile gives the doctor a statistical feedback comparing their own practice with others, particularly regarding laboratory activity. NOKLUS Diabetes profile contains an electronic diabetes form that can be used during the consultation and for following up patients with diabetes. By sending in data, the doctor can compare his or her diabetes practice with that of others. The computing programmes for both the Practice profile and the Diabetes profile are easy to use.

More information is available at www.noklus.no