

EQA Program 2011 for Microscopic analysis of urine

Survey	Images		Photographs forwarding	Results timescale
1	SU-57A SU-57B	SU-58A SU-58B	14th – 16th March	21st – 29th March
2 <i>Clinical Case</i>	C-SU-59 C-SU-61	C-SU-60 C-SU-62	13rd – 15th June	20th – 28th June
3	SU-63A SU-63B	SU-64A SU-64B	12th – 14th September	19th – 27th September
4 <i>Clinical Case</i>	C-SU-65 C-SU-67	C-SU-66 C-SU-68	28th – 30th November	5th – 13rd December

The EQA program “Urinalysis”, consists of 4 surveys/year as follows:

- Survey 1 and 3.** Each of these surveys shows two urine sediment particles. Each particle is presented both in bright field and in phase contrast microscopy and, when indicated (eg., crystals or lipids), also by polarized light.

Participants are asked to identify the particles shown. Moreover, for one particle (**SU-58** of survey 1 and **SU-64** of survey 4) they are also asked to indicate one clinical association, choosing it among 4 or 5 possible options.
- Survey 2 and 4.** Each of these surveys presents a **Clinical case**. Clinical cases consist of a brief clinical history, which also include some key laboratory data and 4 phase contrasts microscopy images of particles found in the urine sediment of the case presented.

Participants are asked to identify the particles shown and to choose one possible clinical diagnosis, among 4 to 5 proposed.

The answers must be entered directly by the laboratory in our web site www.centroricercabiomedica.net within the expiring date of each survey, following the operative instructions reported in the web site.

Participants will be informed with an e-mail of the availability to consult the periodical and yearly reports.

Further information about the EQA Program are in the web site www.urinalysis.net