

## Spring 2009 KC CLMA Safety Group Needs Assessment

Number of survey participants: 32 (13 online Survey Monkey, 19 paper survey)

### 1. Where do you work?

	Response Count	Response Percent
Hospital lab	29	90.6%
Reference lab	2	6.3%
Other	1	3.1%

### 2. How many years have you been working as a laboratory professional?

	Response Count	Response Percent
1 yr or less	0	0
2-5 yrs	1	3.1%
5-10 yrs	1	3.1%
10-20 yrs	5	15.6%
20-30 yrs	12	37.5%
>30 yrs	13	40.6%

### 3. Is your job

	Response Count	Response Percent
Supervisory	24	72.7%
Technical	7	21.2%
Other	2	6.3%

*(note one respondent selected two categories)*

### 4. Does your laboratory/business have a dedicated safety professional?

	Response Count	Response Percent
No	11	34.4%
Yes	21	65.6%

#### If yes, what is their title?

1. Environmental Health and Safety Manager
2. Safety Specialist
3. Safety Coordinator
4. Administrative Manager and Lab Safety Officer
5. Asst Director (with other duties)
6. Lab Safety Officer and POC manager
7. No title
8. Safety Coordinator
9. Hematology/Coag Section Head
10. Safety Officer
11. Safety/ POC

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### 5. How do you prefer to receive communication?

	Response Count	Response Percent
E-mail	31	94.0%
Regular mail	1	3.0%
Meetings	1	3.0%

### 6. What is your biggest need in the area of safety?

*(several respondents selected multiple categories)*

	Response Count	Response Percent
Training & Education	20	48.8%
Compliance w/regulatory & accreditation requirements	14	34.1%
Networking	7	17.1%

### 7. What do you think should be the goals of a regional lab safety focus group?

1. Specific methods of safety compliance
2. Patient safety  
Employee compliance with safety requirements
3. Provide timely education regarding local, state & federal regulations in addition to networking with those in similar roles
4. Share information  
Education  
Discuss regulatory compliance issues
5. Provide periodic CE opportunities, develop a networking group in the KC area, and identify regional (or national?) safety resources
6. Information sharing
7. Education
8. Meeting NRC, EPA, OSHA regulations
9. Provide resources or updates
10. Patient identification and accurate specimen labeling
11. Increase awareness, networking
12. Keep us informed of changing/new regulations
13. Sharing practices for meeting requirements
14. Make more people aware of how they can make a difference in patient safety
15. Compliance with regulations/accreditation and competencies and documentation
16. Share best practices

### 8. How many people from your institution do you think would be interested in a lab safety focus group?

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	<b>Response Count</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>
None	1	3.1%
1 to 2	22	68.7%
2 to 5	8	25.0%
>5	1	3.1%

#### 9. If there was a lab safety focus group, how frequently do you think this group should meet?

	<b>Response Count</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>
Once a year	6	18.8%
Twice a year	19	59.4%
More than twice a year	4	12.5%
Other	3	9.4%

(1 suggested monthly, 2 suggested quarterly)

#### 10. What other feedback would you like to provide regarding a lab safety focus group?

1. I think it would be beneficial to have a lab safety group in the Metro area and I would be willing to participate.
2. Need to define whether general lab safety or patient safety

Note: Data was collected in April- May 2009. Paper surveys were distributed at CLMA Smartlab on 04/23/09 and CLMA KC chapter meeting at Brio on the Plaza on 05/14/09. The Survey monkey online survey was available in April and May 2009. Final data was compiled on 07/12/09.