# **UK NEQAS**

Leucocyte Immunophenotyping







## New Information for 2026 - 2027 EQA/PT Programmes for Flow Cytometry

### Pilot CD19 CAR-T Cell Monitoring by Flow Cytometry Programme

Following two successful pre-pilot studies, the CD19 CAR-T Cell Monitoring by Flow Cytometry External Quality Assessment programme will be available for registration in 2026-2027. The programme will assess participants' ability to detect CART19 positive cells in a peripheral blood background. There will be a limited number of registrations in the new programme for the initial launch year. See the website for details of how to register your interest.

# Changes to the Leukaemia Immunophenotyping and Leukaemia Diagnostic Interpretation Programmes

In 2026-2027, we plan to separate the Leukaemia Immunophenotyping (LI) and Leukaemia Diagnostic Interpretation (LDI) programmes, so that the same case that has been used in LI does not need to be used in LDI. This will allow us to provide a wider variety of clinical scenarios to better reflect the range of cases laboratories are seeing. Please note, for a minority of cases where there is specific educational value, we may still send out the same case for both programmes. We will also be asking for participants to provide an approximate diagnosis (e.g. chronic/acute, myeloid/lymphoid) and information around further testing that they would recommend following testing in the LI programme, for educational purposes.

#### **Webinar Plans**

To promote the changes to the LI and LDI programmes we will be hosting a webinar in January 2026. This will focus on how leukaemia diagnosis is changing in the light of greater scientific understanding and technological advances. We will discuss how the UK NEQAS LI programmes are evolving to support this.

#### **Development of the Immune Monitoring Programme**

As part of our commitment to developing the EQA programmes provided by this centre we are in the process of developing the Immune Monitoring Programme to incorporate a wider selection of tests. Any further updates will be communicated to participants.

#### **Trial Schedule**

We're pleased to confirm that we will be returning to the full number of trial distributions in 2026-2027. We appreciate your patience during this time. Please see the website for the trial schedule.

### SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL INFORMATION ON ALL OF THE ABOVE CHANGES

Should you wish to participate in any of the above programmes please contact:

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Please note that if your participation with UK NEQAS LI is via a non-UK distributor you should contact them directly for details of how to register. If you are enquiring from outside of the UK your registration will be managed by EQA International Ltd.