

Biodata of Dr.A.S.Kanagasabapathy

Dr. A.S. Kanagasabapathy began his career in CMC Hospital, Vellore, in 1966 and remained until retirement in 2000 as Professor and Head of Clinical Biochemistry. For over three decades he has been deeply involved in promoting the quality of laboratory services and also in teaching and research. He has guided 9 students for Ph.D and published over 100 papers in national/international journals. He started a national level external quality assurance programme 35 years ago with 50 laboratories, which today has over 2000 participants. He has conducted over 100 quality control workshops in several regions for the benefit of clinical pathologists and medical laboratory personnel. As part of his “out-reach program”, he has personally visited hundreds of laboratories throughout the country helping to bring about a grass root level change in attitude towards Quality Assurance and Quality control.

Dr. Kanagasabapathy is associated with the WHO in various laboratory QC activities and has been the author/coauthor of 3 WHO documents. He is a Fellow of the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry of the US. In 1997 Dr.Kanagasabapathy was the Chairman of Technical Committee constituted by the NABL for formulating specific guidelines criteria for medical laboratories. He has contributed significantly towards the preparation of NABL document # 112 of 2005. He is a member of Advisory Committee and Drafting Committee for the preparation of ICMR’s “Guidelines for Good Clinical Laboratory Practice” as well as ICMR Task Force for establishing Indian normatives for clinical laboratory parameters. He is also a member of ICMR’s Dept. of Health Research (DHR) Expert Group on “Human Resource Development of Medical Colleges and Health Research Institutions”. He is a regular speaker on lab related topics nationwide. Dr. Kanagasabapathy is a member of Clinical Chemistry Trainee Council Advisory Board of “Clinical Chemistry”, the official journal of the American Association of Clinical Chemistry.