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NOTIFICATION

The National Institute of Health, being the National Focal Point for International Health Regulations (2005), is required to coordinate implementation of IHR Core Capacities in Pakistan. Laboratory Strengthening is also included amongst major Core Capacities of IHR. In this regard the NIH in collaboration with WHO has initiated the process for development of Health Laboratory Policy in Pakistan. This policy document will provide technical guidance to the provinces for standardized and uniform laboratory services within the country.

2. In order to facilitate the process and to take provincial authorities on board, the following National Laboratory Working Group (NLWG) is hereby notified by the Ministry of NHSRC, Government of Pakistan.

i	Executive Director NIH	Chairman
ii	Chief Public Health Laboratories Division, NIH	Secretary/ Convener
iii	Representative of Armed Forces Institute of Pathology	Member
iv	Professor/Head of Pathology PIMS	Member
v	Professor/Head of Pathology, Sheikh Zayed Hospital Lahore	Member
vi	Professor/Head of Pathology, IPH Lahore	Member
vii	Professor/Head of Pathology, Nishtar Medical College & Hospital	Member
viii	Professor/Head of Pathology, Hayatabad Medical Complex Peshawar	Member
ix	Professor/Head of Pathology, Ayub Medical Complex, Abbottabad	Member
x	Professor/Head of Pathology, Civil Hospital Karachi	Member
xi	Professor/Head of Pathology, JPMC Karachi	Member
xii	Professor/Head of Pathology, Bolan Medical Complex Quetta	Member
xiii	Head of Pathology, Abbas Institute of Medical Sciences, Muzaffarabad	Member
xiv	Professor/Head of Pathology, DHQ Hospital Gilgit	Member
xv	Professors/Heads of Pathology, Shifa International Hospital,	Member
xvi	Professors/Heads of Pathology Agha Khan University Hospital	Member
xvii	Representative of Animal Sciences Institute, NARC, Islamabad	Member
xviii	Representative of Pakistan Biological Safety Association	Member
xix	Representatives of Pakistan Association of Pathologists	Member
xx	Co-opted members/experts	Member

3. The TORs of the National Laboratory Working Group (NLWG) will be as follows:

- i. To provide advice and expertise to the GoP on health laboratory matters upon request.
- ii. To identify priority areas for Health laboratory policy and vision 2025 for Health Laboratories in Pakistan.

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- iii. To develop the draft National Laboratory Policy and at a later stage the Strategic and Operational Plans.
- iv. To review Public Health Laboratories Network strategic plan already developed by NIH in the view of the recent development in the field of lab medicine.
- v. To provide recommendations for implementation of strategic plan.
- vi. To review the progress of laboratory policy, strategic plan and vision 2025 for health laboratories in Pakistan.



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