Irish National Accreditation Board



ACCREDITATION OF CLINICAL AUDIOLOGY SERVICES TO ISO 15189

INAB is offering accreditation for clinical audiology services to ISO 15189:2012 (Medical laboratories - Requirements for quality and competence). This is a new scheme for the Irish National Accreditation Board and offers potential clients a means to have their service assessed and accredited by an independent third party, the national accreditation board. As accreditation is being offered using ISO15189 as the underlying standard, it ensures the service can be recognised internationally under the Multilateral Agreement between accreditation bodies, operating worldwide.

INAB currently accredits public and private medical testing laboratories according to ISO15189 and accreditation of audiology services is developing the use of the use of ISO15189 in the Clinical Physiology area. INAB welcomes this development and hopes it will lead the way for other physiology type services, such as medical imaging and medical physics services to be accredited in the future.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ACCREDITING YOUR AUDIOLOGY SERVICE

Accreditation to ISO15189 is an independent, technical and quality system assessment, designed to help healthcare providers ensure that patients receive consistently high quality services, tests, and examinations and that these are delivered by competent staff.



WHAT BENEFIT WILL ACCREDITATION PROVIDE TO PATIENTS?

INAB accreditation ensures that staff who carry out diagnostic tests are competent and the equipment used is fit for purpose. Accreditation also ensures the organisation is competent to deliver accurate test results and clinical advice to the user. Rapid and accurate diagnosis and treatment is essential. Accreditation provides the patient with confidence that the service is providing the best possible care and is delivering a quality led service with patient safety and delivery at its core.

WHO CAN APPLY?

This scheme is open to all hospital audiology services and HSE community-based referral centres.

WHEN IS THE SCHEME AVAILABLE?

The scheme is available for applications, please contact inab@inab.ie to register and make an application through the CRM system.

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