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## EDITORIAL

Dr. Stacy Walz is the department chair and an assistant professor of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at Arkansas State University, US. In 1999, she received her BSc. degree in medical technology at the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, UW-Madison, Medical Technology Program. Four years later she obtained a graduate certificate on laboratory quality management. In 2009, Dr. Walz received a master of science degree in population health sciences. In 2012, she obtained her graduate certificate in translational research. She defended her PhD thesis in 2012, on "Pending microbiology cultures at hospital discharge and post-hospital patient outcomes in Medicare patients discharged to sub-acute care". She is on the Patient Safety Committee of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). In 2008/2009 she was the president of the ASCLS in Wisconsin (ASCLS-WI). As a guest editor Dr. Walz invited several renowned personalities of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine in the US to discuss various aspects of graduate and postgraduate training in North-America.

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