



Management Responsibility in Good Laboratory Practice



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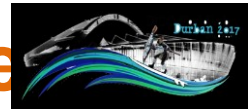
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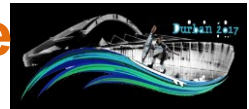
What is Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) ?



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Good laboratory practice (GLP)



In the experimental (non-clinical) research arena, **it refers to a quality system of management controls for research laboratories and organizations**

It was implemented to ensure uniformity, consistency, reliability, reproducibility, quality, and integrity of chemical (including pharmaceuticals) non-clinical safety tests; from physio-chemical properties through acute to chronic toxicity tests.

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Good laboratory practice (GLP)



It is a **Quality system of management controls for research laboratories** (non-clinical) and organisations → now being extended to other laboratories

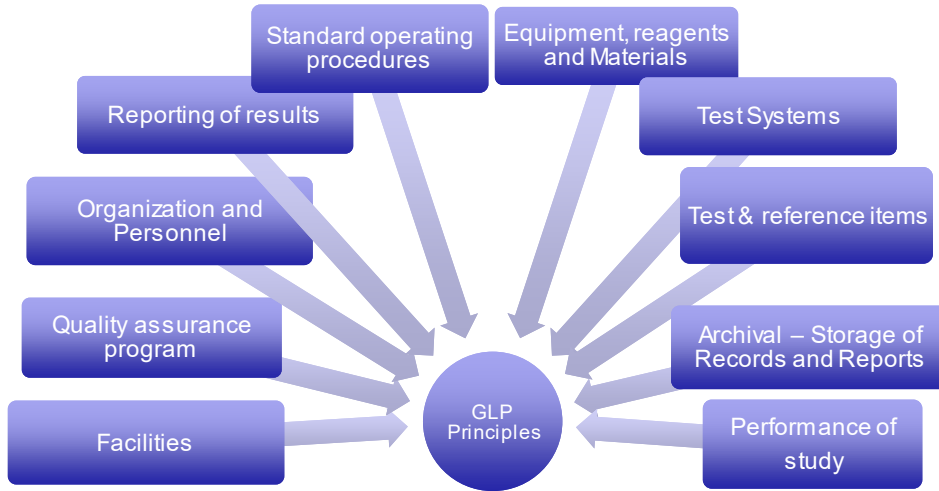
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It embodies a set of principles that provides a framework within which laboratory studies are planned, performed, monitored, recorded, reported and archived.

It helps assure regulatory authorities that the data submitted are a true reflection of the results obtained during the study and can therefore be relied upon when making risk/safety assessments.

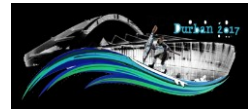
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Who is Management ?



Test facility management means the person(s) who has the authority and formal responsibility for the organization and functioning of the test facility according to the Principles of Good Clinical Practice.

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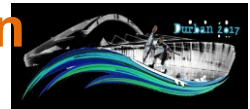


Without full commitment of management, GLP systems will not function as they should and will **lack credibility**.

Managerial aspects are therefore **critical** for GLP implementation in a laboratory.

Laboratory management responsibilities and organisational requirements take up about **15% of the GLP**.

Management responsibility in GLP



1. A statement exists which **identifies the individual(s)** within a test facility who fulfil the responsibilities of management as defined by these Principles of Good Laboratory Practice



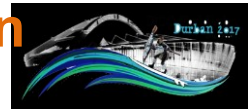
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2. A sufficient number of **qualified personnel, appropriate facilities, equipment, and materials** are available for the timely and proper conduct of the study.



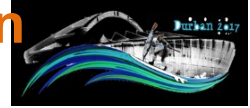
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3. **Maintenance of record** of the qualifications, training, experience and job description for each professional and technical individual.



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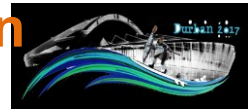
4. Personnel clearly understand the functions they are to perform and, where necessary, provide training for these functions



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5. Appropriate and technically valid standard operating procedures (SOPs) are established and followed, and approval of all original and revised standard operating procedures are being done



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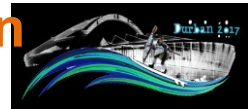
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6. There is a **Quality Assurance Programme** with designated personnel in accordance with principles of Good Laboratory Practice



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7. For each study, an individual with the appropriate qualifications, training, and experience is designated by the management as the **study director** before the study is initiated. Replacement of a study director should be done according to established procedures, and should be documented.



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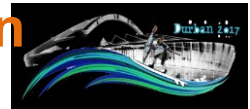
8. In the event of a **multi-site study**, that, if needed, a **principal investigator** is designated. Replacement of a Principal Investigator should be done according to established procedures, and should be documented.



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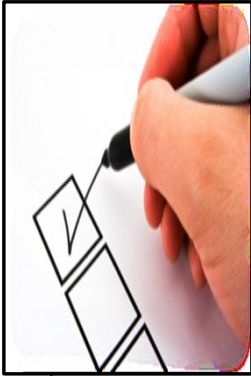
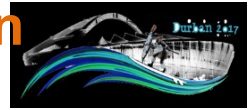


9. **Documented approval** of the study plan by the study director



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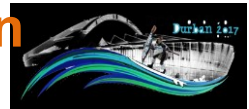
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10. The study director has made the approved study plan available to the quality assurance personnel



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11. **Maintenance** of historical file of all Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

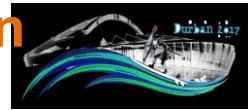
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12. An individual is identified as responsible for the management of the archive(s)



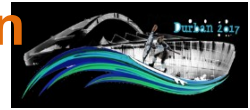
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13. Maintenance of a master schedule



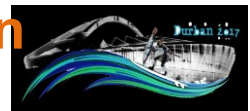
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14. Test facility supplies meet requirements appropriate to their use in a study



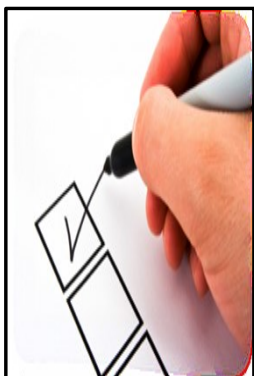
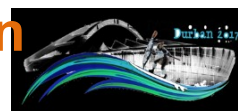
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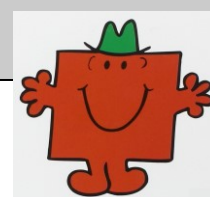
15. For a **multi-site study**, clear lines of **communication** exist between the study director, principal investigator(s), the quality assurance programme(s) and study personnel



Management responsibility in GLP



16. Test and reference items are appropriately characterized



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17. Establish procedures to ensure that computerized systems are suitable for their intended purpose, and are validated, operated and maintained in accordance with Principles of Good Laboratory Practice



That's it



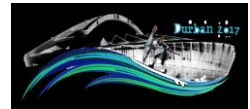
That's all as per principles of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) !!



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Question



Which kind of quality management system is GLP?

Universal quality management system

Statutory management system

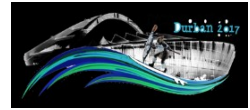


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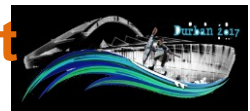
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So, how does management responsibilities as per principles of GLP in a clinical diagnostic laboratory stack up to other standards and guidelines ?



Universal quality management systems

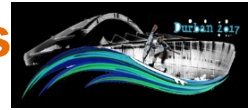


Standards
(ISO)

Guidelines
(CLSI,
SLIPTA etc.)



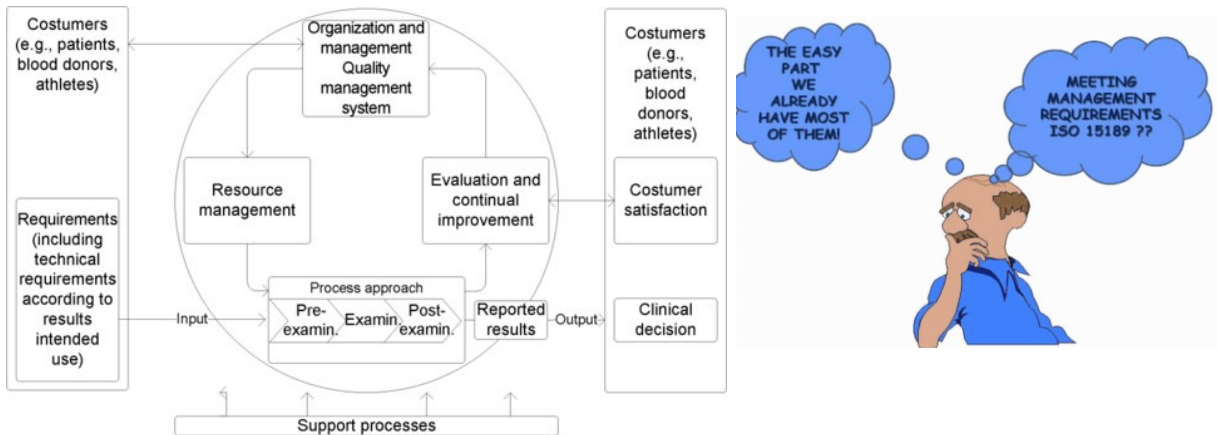
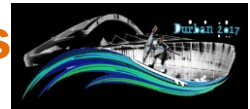
Management responsibility as per ISO 15189



Which section of ISO 15189:2012 mentions about the management responsibility ?



Management responsibility as per ISO 15189



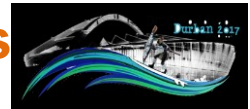
Management responsibility as per ISO 15189



The eight quality resources which are essential for GLP are **5M → Manpower, Management, Methodology, Mechanism, Material, 2E → Environment, Equipment, 1I → Information.**

ISO 15189:2012 version stresses on the above **resources** under various Clauses - **Management commitment** under **4.1**, **Manpower** is under **5.1**, **Methodology** to be adopted under **5.5**, **Mechanism** to be used under **4.2**, **Material** under **4.5**, **Environment** under **5.2**, **Equipment** under **5.3** and **information management** under **5.10**. The laboratory management must have a policy to procure quality resources

Management responsibility as per ISO 15189



All quality resources for GLP must be handled by only competent personnel with appropriate qualification, training and experience across all section of activities in the laboratory which **include pre examination 5.4, examination 5.5, and post examination 5.7**. All these should have a **quality assurance** which is detailed under **5.6** for GLP.

Covering all areas of laboratory activities from **patient selection 5.4 to result release 5.9 following reporting of results 5.8**, GLP requires the good documentation and control of all technical and quality records as proof of evidence for **GLP 4.13**. *Laboratory shall have the plan B in-case of system failure through referral laboratory system 4.5.*

Management responsibility as per ISO 15189

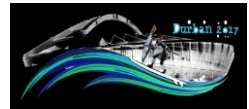


All records need to be maintained on a pre prescribed format decided by the involvement of multistake holders for example the test requisition form (TRF) is designed in consultation with the clinicians who use the data generated by the laboratory 5.4

Finally, GLP is just an implementation of all elements of the ISO 15189 with a continual improvement as detailed in 4.1.2 of the standard.

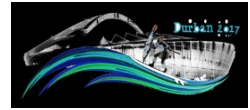
Compliances to GLP is frequently verified through **evaluation and audit** as detailed under 4.14 and management will **be reviewing at least annually** as per GLP under 4.15.

Management responsibility (CLSI)





Management responsibility (CLSI)



Cultural

- Formulating and articulating a vision for quality
- Maintaining a quality policy as a formal statement of commitment
- Conducting business ethically and professionally
- Fostering a culture that supports the vision for quality

Structural

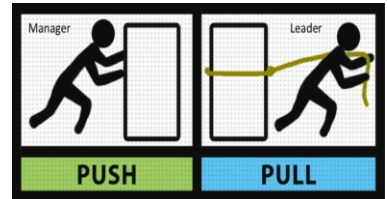
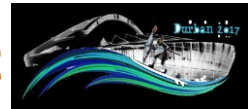
- Maintaining an appropriate scope of services
- Maintaining the legal identity of the laboratory
- Maintaining an appropriate organization structure with defined roles and responsibilities
- Designing and implementing a QMS

Functional

- Managing and allocating resources sufficient for scope of services and quality goals
- Planning for quality
- Assessing the effectiveness of QMS
- Communication quality related information

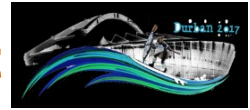


Leadership vs Management



Remember the difference between a manager and a leader; a manager says "Go!" - a leader says "Let's go!" – E.M. Kelly (adapted)

Leadership vs Management



Terms are used interchangeably in organizations, not considered synonymous generally.

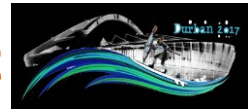
Managers have formal positions within the organization.– Responsible for basic functions such as operational planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling

Leaders influence attitudes, behavior, and the work of others toward achievement of a vision or goals.

It is generally accepted that management and leadership are distinct roles and modes of action and

They are complementary and both are necessary for the success of an organization

Leadership vs Management



Formal role

- Assigned; based on function (ie, what is done to achieve an outcome)
- Example: Laboratory Director, Quality Manager, Safety Officer

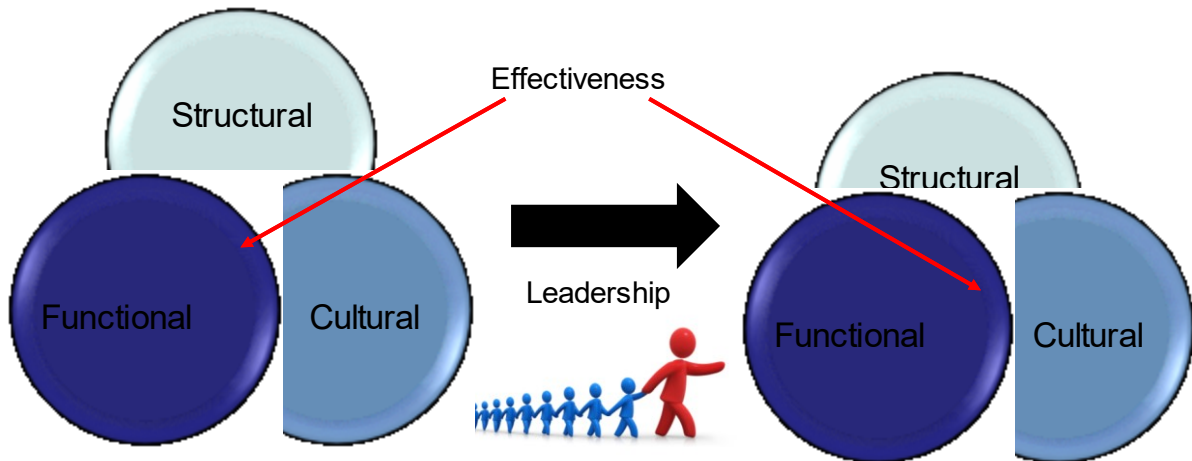
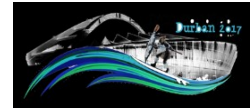
Informal role

- Assumed; how a leader conducts his/herself to achieve an outcome
- Example: visionary, mentor, quality “leader”

Both are important to:

- Fully realize a commitment to quality and good professional practice.
- Optimally shape the laboratory’s organizational dimensions of culture, structure, and function.

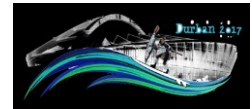
Importance of leadership



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Question



Are you cultivating leaders or only managers in your laboratory ?



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Management responsibility in SLIPTA



Stepwise Laboratory Quality Improvement Process Towards Accreditation

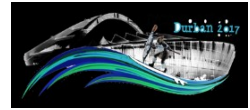
- A framework of auditing developed in line with the ISO 15189:2012 Standards and to a certain extent of the CLSI Laboratory Quality Management System Guidelines. It is used to measure and evaluate the progress of laboratory quality system and award a certificate of recognition (five star levels). It can be used at baseline, during supervision, and for monitoring and evaluation of laboratory progress towards accreditation.

Management responsibility in SLIPTA



Audit Score Sheet					
Section	Total Points				
Section 1: Documents & Records	28				
Section 2: Management Reviews	14				
Section 3: Organization & Personnel	22				
Section 4: Client Management & Customer Service	10				
Section 5: Equipment	35				
Section 6: Evaluation and Audits	15				
Section 7: Purchasing & Inventory	24				
Section 8: Process Control	32				
Section 9: Information Management	21				
Section 10: Identification of Non Conformities, Corrective and Preventive Actions	19				
Section 11: Occurrence/Incident Management & Process Improvement	12				
Section 12: Facilities and Biosafety	43				
TOTAL SCORE	275				
No Stars (0 – 150 pts) < 55%	1 Star (151 – 177 pts) 55 – 64%	2 Stars (178 – 205 pts) 65 – 74%	3 Stars (206 – 232 pts) 75 – 84%	4 Stars (233 – 260 pts) 85 – 94%	5 Stars (261 – 275 pts) ≥95%

Summary

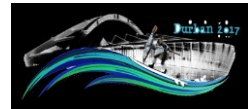


GLP is the over all requirement of Good Quality Management System (QMS) of a medical diagnostic laboratory practices which is basically involved in testing activities and hence medical testing laboratories is an analytical in nature and not a clinical set-up. Hence basic scientists are prime decision makers in developing and sustaining analytical tools as part of GLP.

Good QMS means passionate and committed management (Owners or the Governors of the laboratory) having appropriate policies to select and procure quality resources.

The eight quality resources which are essential for GLP are following: 5M → Manpower, Management, Methodology, Mechanism, material; 2E → Environment, Equipment; I → Information

Summary



Management has overall responsibility for ensuring that all documentation, personnel, procedures, supplies etc. are in compliance with principles of GLP.

The development and implementation of an effective Quality Management System is the primary responsibility of the Management.

The initiatives taken on the part of the management shows its commitment towards continual improvement of the laboratory processes.



