

Department of Medical Education

SMS Medical College

Factual Report regarding making Laboratories NABL/NABH compliant

1. Medical College attached laboratories are as per MCI norms and other norms of various National and International Agencies and Quality Control Procedures.
2. At present HIV laboratory is of the International Standard and was NABL accredited.
3. Measles-Rubella viral diagnostic laboratory is in process of getting accreditation from WHO.
4. Apart from this Viral Diagnostic Research Laboratory (VDRL) has been established under ICMR Project of Department of Health Research Government of India as per the norms of research at international standard.
5. Regional TB Research Laboratory has been established as per the norms of National TB Control Program. Which are of International Standard. The Process of Accreditation of NABL is also going on.
6. All other Laboratories are also following the international standards of ISO-15189, 2012 which is the basis for NABL.
7. Most of the Staff is trained in laboratory quality Management & Internal audit as per ISO15189, 2012 and is following the same standards.
8. Presently the quality and test results of these laboratories are of the international level. All the laboratories of Bacteriology, Serology, Virology, Tuberculosis and HIV are participating in National level external quality Control Programs.

9. Making all Laboratories NABL compliant will not affect the test results of present set-up
10. At most of the points where there is old civil infrastructure we need to demolish old and construct fresh infrastructure to get NABH accreditation. This will be resulting in financial implication which is not proportional to its benefits and outputs i.e. will not be cost-effective.
11. The capital investment for converting Laboratories of SMS Medical College will require a budget to the tune of RS. 36 Crores and a recurring expenditure of Rs.8.4 crores per annum.
12. It is also pertinent to mention here that many of the top most institutions like AIIMS Delhi PGMER Chandigarh , Maulana Azad are not totally NABH accredited. But they are yielding best quality results and are not compromising with the quality and also that the NABL is not mandatory requirement as per MCI and other agencies of National and International repute.
13. At other places where there are possibilities of getting NABL accreditation Medical Colleges (viz Jodhpur Medical College) have started exploring the possibilities and the process of getting accreditation.



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