



About us

Established in 1985, NRL is a not-for-profit, independent and scientific organisation that exists for the benefit of the public. We support laboratories performing testing for human infectious disease to achieve high quality and accurate test results.

Since inception, NRL's activities have been supported by the Australian Government. This support is fundamental to continuing high quality of laboratory testing and blood screening in Australia. We also work closely with many international organisations and donors to foster network partnerships.

NRL is designated a WHO Collaborating Centre for Diagnostics and Laboratory Support for HIV and AIDS and other Blood-borne Infections.

## OUR MISSION & GOALS

**NRL's mission is to promote the quality of tests and testing for infectious diseases globally.**

Our goals are to provide:

- comprehensive and innovative quality assurance programmes;
- evaluations of tests and test algorithms;
- specialised laboratory testing services;
- training with sustainable outcomes;
- consultation and advice on policy relating to laboratory testing.

## OUR QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**As a quality-focused organisation, NRL is committed to complying with world's best practice.**

Our accreditations and certifications include:

- ▶ Accreditation by NATA as a Medical Testing Laboratory **ISO/IEC 15189: 2007**
- ▶ Licensed by TGA as following Good Manufacturing Practice *Code of Good Manufacturing Practice - Human Blood and Tissues: 2000*
- ▶ Accreditation by NATA as a Proficiency Testing Scheme Provider **ISO 17043: 2010**
- ▶ Certification by NCSI International for Quality Management **AS/NZS ISO 9001: 2008**
- ▶ Certification by NCSI International for Safety Management **AS/NZS 4801: 2001**

## OUR SERVICES

**NRL offers a comprehensive range of services to meet the needs of laboratories testing for infectious diseases.**

Our services include:

### NRL Evaluations

Assess the performance of test kits under local conditions using representative samples. The focus is on the quality of test kit performance, not test kit manufacture.

### NRL Quality Assurance

The complete package of quality assurance solutions to ensure the accuracy and precision of tests and testing processes. External Quality Assessment Schemes, Quality Control and Specificity Monitoring programmes are provided for a range of infectious diseases.

### NRL Testing

Specialised testing services for reference testing and screening of blood and tissue donors. Designed and validated testing strategies for quality test results.

### NRL Training

Delivering high quality education and training. Strengthening laboratory systems through **NRL STEPs** (Sustainable Training, Education and Partnerships).

### NRL Workshop

The Annual NRL Workshop on Infectious Diseases is a premier event uniting scientists, regulators and test kit manufacturers.



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