

Connecting Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories

Building the AAVLD Interoperability Framework

DATE

**Thursday
October 15, 2026**

TIME

**8:00 AM
to 12:00 PM**

LOCATION

TBA

REGISTRATION

**Additional fee
\$48**

This Is a Working Symposium

Interoperability is not achieved simply by sending information from one system to another. It requires shared definitions, traceable identifiers, clear responsibilities, consistent data expectations, and reliable processes for identifying and correcting errors.

Participants will collaborate in facilitated groups to define what veterinary diagnostic laboratories need to communicate and how those exchanges should function before prescribing a specific LIMS, vendor, transport protocol, or messaging technology.

TOGETHER, PARTICIPANTS WILL HELP DRAFT

- The scope and guiding principles of veterinary diagnostic laboratory interoperability
- A minimum dataset for publishing laboratory tests and services
- A core workflow for electronic test requests, acknowledgements, and laboratory accessioning
- A model for exchanging interim, final, amended, and addended results
- Initial expectations for specimen, order, accession, and report traceability
- A practical taxonomy for mapping errors and failed exchanges
- Governance principles for versioning, change control, adoption, and future development

Who Should Attend

Laboratory directors and managers
Laboratory operations and accessioning leaders
Informatics, LIMS, LIS, and IT professionals
Quality assurance and accreditation personnel
Diagnosticians, epidemiologists, and surveillance program representatives
Referral and subcontracted testing coordinators
Government, network, integration, and laboratory software partners

Technical expertise is welcome but not required.

Come Prepared to Work

Bring a laptop and practical examples from your laboratory:

- Test catalogs or fee schedules
- Submission forms
- Referral or subcontracted testing workflows
- Interim, final, amended, or addended reports
- Examples of mapping problems, incomplete orders, or failed exchanges

Register through the AAVLD Annual Meeting registration process.

Symposium outputs will be working recommendations for continued AAVLD review and development.

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