



Schedule of Events

2018 Lab Leaders Forum and Mid-Winter Meeting January 26-27 • Manchester Grand Hyatt • San Diego, CA

Friday, January 26, 2018

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Networking Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

PAMA Legislative Proposals: Content and Status

Erin Will Morton and Celia Hagan, MPH
Washington Representatives, CRD Associates LLC

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

PAMA Lawsuit: Allegations, Process, and Timeline

Jeffrey J. Sherrin, Esq., Legal Counsel
O'Connell & Aronowitz

12:00 Noon – 1:15 p.m. – Luncheon

Jon Harol, CEO
Lighthouse Lab Services
Holly Springs, North Carolina

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Repercussions of PAMA

- The Impact on Your Laboratory
- Payments for Automated Test Panels (ATPs)
- Payments for Drug Test Codes
- Changes in CMS's Molecular Diagnostics Program
- Coverage and Payments for ADLTs and LDTs

Proposed PAMA Amendments

- Impact of Weighted Mean vs. Weighted Median on CLFS Rates
- Impact of Including Hospital Outreach Private Payor Rates on CLFS Rates

Lâle White, Executive Chairman & CEO
XIFIN

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Lâle White (Continued)

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Open Discussion and Exchange of Ideas (See List of Topics In Next Column)

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - NILA Business Meeting

Saturday, January 27, 2018

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Networking Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Aggressive Audits/Holding Labs Responsible for Medical Necessity

Jeffrey J. Sherrin, Esq., Legal Counsel
O'Connell & Aronowitz

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Open Discussion and Exchange of Ideas:

- The Lab's Role in the U.S.'s Opioid Crisis
Discussion Leader: **Robert Middleberg, Ph.D.**
SVP, QA and Operations, Laboratory Director
NMS Laboratories, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania
- Working With National Esoteric Labs Who Need A Local Partner
Discussion Leader: **Judy Kennedy, Director of Marketing, Interpath Laboratory, Pendelton, Oregon**
- Holding Insurance Companies Accountable For Turning Pre-Authorizations Around In A Timely Manner
Discussion Leader: **Philip Murray, MBA, Chief Financial Officer, American Esoteric Laboratories, Memphis, Tennessee**
- Possible Revisions To CLIA Regulations For Testing Personnel, CLIA Fees, PT Referrals, and Histocompatibility Requirements
Discussion Leader: **Mark S. Birenbaum, Ph.D., NILA Administrator**
- Consumer Reaction to High-Deductible Health Plans and Rising Out-of-Pocket Costs Continues to Impact Physicians and Clinical Laboratories (**suggested by Curt Kuliga, Progressive Diagnostics LLC**)
- Finding/Retaining Employees
- Changes In State Medical Programs
- Mergers/Acquisitions
- Suggest A Topic: _____