



Lab Interoperability Collaborative Partners with Association of Public Health Laboratories for Network Services

SAINT PAUL, MN – July 15, 2014 – The Lab Interoperability Collaborative (LIC), a catalyst for population and public health management, selected the Association of Public Health Laboratories' (APHL) Informatics Messaging Services to provide network services to support the LIC public health reporting services within the United States. This collaboration allows hospital and commercial laboratories to securely transport electronic laboratory results to public health reporting jurisdictions, allowing them to meet federal and local requirements while supporting all transport protocols.

"When forming a strategic partnership to support public health reporting requirements under Meaningful Use, it was critical for us to find an industry-leading organization that is well positioned to support the growth of laboratory reporting," said Jeff Benning, President and CEO of the LIC.

The LIC provides technical assistance to more than 20% of the hospitals within the United States. Services include LOINC and SNOMED CT terminology education, electronic laboratory results transactional reporting, and secure transport between healthcare providers and public health agencies. Users of LIC services can easily connect to the LIC network to enable public health reporting capabilities to meet Meaningful Use reporting requirements.

"APHL has over ten years' experience developing informatics systems for governmental laboratories, public health agencies and national health ministries in the US and abroad. We look forward to supporting hospitals and commercial laboratories as they build capability for Meaningful Use reporting," said Patina Zarcone, MPH, director of informatics, APHL. "We are excited to begin partnering with LIC."

About the Lab Interoperability Collaborative (LIC)

The [Lab Interoperability Collaborative \(LIC\)](http://www.LabInteroperabilityCollaborative.org) is a nationwide health information network that connects and exchanges electronic laboratory results reporting between laboratories, health information exchanges and public health agencies in support of Meaningful Use requirements.

About the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)

The [Association of Public Health Laboratories \(APHL\)](http://www.APHL.org) works to strengthen laboratory systems serving the public's health in the US and globally. APHL's member laboratories protect the public's health by monitoring and detecting infectious and foodborne diseases, environmental contaminants, terrorist agents, genetic disorders in newborns and other diverse health threats.