

## Preanalytical Excellence Award

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The Preanalytical Excellence Award recognizes laboratory professionals within leading health care organizations that are committed to patient safety and quality improvement in the preanalytical phase of clinical laboratory testing through leadership, best practices, innovation, and change management expertise.

Both the individual and the represented clinical laboratory will each receive an etched glass trophy award. The successful recipient (individual or organization team representative) will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. The award will be presented by the CLMA Canadian Chapter Leaders at the annual CLMA ThinkLab conference.

### Eligibility

Both individuals and teams are eligible for this award. The individual or at least one member of a Team must be a **Canadian member of the CLMA**. Applicants must demonstrate significant progress, commitment and validation in the area of preanalytical improvement. Preanalytical improvement programs and initiatives must demonstrate measurable and sustainable improvements in the following areas:

- **Evidence** of implementation of preanalytical best practices, including but not limited to the following areas:
  - Education
  - Professional development
  - Patient preparation
  - Patient and specimen identification
  - Blood specimen collection, handling and/or processing
  - Communication processes
- **Adoption** of a comprehensive approach to program implementation (ie. performance indicators, educational component, benchmarking, system wide implementation)
- **Integration** of the program or initiative into the healthcare organizational patient safety program
- **Engagement** of senior management
- **Collaboration** at all levels within the organization and the support of a team approach.



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## Applying for the Award

A call for applications will be made yearly and are due by March 1 of the following year.

The following must be included with the application package:

1. A completed application form form.
2. A letter of application explaining how this preanalytical achievement supports the CLMA mission, vision, values and strategic directions.
3. A letter of support for the application from the Chief Executive Officer of Vice President explaining how this achievement supports the health care organization's patient safety program and its impact on patient outcomes.
4. A written report (not to exceed 2000 words), abstract, poster **or** presentation addressing the award eligibility criteria, that demonstrate:
  - the measures that have resulted in a significant reduction in the number of specimen quality issues
  - trends showing the progress of the initiative
  - degree of success of the initiative
  - organizational learning
  - any future work planned to build on the outcomes of the original initiative.

The following is optional for inclusion in the application package:

1. Other supporting materials the applicant feels may be of interest to the selection committee.

Application documents are to be submitted in Microsoft Word or PDF format on CD.

## Selection Committee

The selection committee for the Award will be comprised of the Presidents of the Atlantic, Fleur de Lys and Trillium Chapters of the CLMA as well as a representative from BD Canada.



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## Preanalytical Excellence Award – Application Form

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>
<b>Fax:</b>	
<b>Organization: Address:</b>	
<b>Additional Team Members (if applicable)</b>	<b>Title</b>

### Application Package Checklist

Please ensure you have included the following, as applicable:

- a completed application form
- a letter of application
- a letter of support
- a written report, abstract, poster or presentation
- other supporting materials (if best represented in print, please include 4 hard copies with your submission)

**Questions** concerning the Award or completion of your application may be directed to Mary Anne Cecutti at: [macecutti@rogers.com](mailto:macecutti@rogers.com) or (416) 488-0834.

**Submit application and supporting documentation in Microsoft Word or PDF format on a CD by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to:**

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