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## ACCAB ISO 15189 as an acceptable accreditation for joining IPAQT

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**Attn: Managing Committee, ACCAB (Accreditation Commission For Conformity Assessment Bodies)**

This email is to inform you that the Initiative for Promoting Affordable and Quality Tuberculosis Tests (IPAQT) has decided to accept ACCAB ISO 15189 accreditation as a valid basis for private diagnostic laboratories to join IPAQT. As you know, IPAQT aims to channelize private sector diagnostic labs to provide Tuberculosis patients and suspects with affordable access to WHO endorsed high quality molecular and liquid culture tests to detect TB and monitor TB treatment. As part of this initiative, over 75 diagnostic labs pan-India are already members of IPAQT. Along with ACCAB ISO 15189, other acceptable accreditations are NABL (ISO 15189), NABH, RNTCP, and CAP.

We would request the managing committee to inform their current and prospective medical diagnostic labs of this development so as to spread the word about this initiative in an effort to seek more partners under the IPAQT program. We would also ask the managing committee to bear with us while we refurbish our website [www.ipaqt.org](http://www.ipaqt.org) and include all the current acceptable accreditations.

We will separately inform other stakeholders of this change in acceptable accreditations as well. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to Kaartik (09810507615) or Prateek (09711737322) if you have any questions. We are cc'ing other stakeholders who have connected us to you and helped us in understanding the evolving landscape of diagnostic lab accreditations in India. We would like to thank you all for your help.

Best regards,

Secretariat IPAQT

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