

* Measurement Uncertainty

- Determine measurement uncertainty for each measurement procedure in examination phase used to report measured quantity values on patient sample.

→ Define performance requirement for measurement uncertainty of each measurement procedure & regularly review estimates of measurement uncertainty

e.g. → Precision/imprecision is one of component.

↳ obtained by running stable controls with frequency described under each discipline.

- Calculate SD & CV-1. from laboratory mean. [Not from control's target value assigned by manufacturer]

- Actual CV-1. up to first place of decimal for each parameter shall be used for calculation

- As IQC material may not totally reflect analytical behaviour of patient samples, derive imprecision from long term IQC data - calculate SD / CV-1.

→ For measurement uncertainty
 $= k \times 1. CV$

k is coverage factor 9

at 95% confidence interval - it equals to ± 1.96 approximated to ± 2 .

→ uncertainty of measurement set as



- $\% CV$ [coefficient of variation]

- uncertainty of measurement would be
 $\pm 1.96 \times \% CV \approx \pm 2 \times \% CV$

→ Minimum 6 month $\% CV$ data should be used to calculate routine ~~test~~ imprecision

→ For non quantitative set of tests, laboratory shall enlist factors which could contribute to uncertainty of results & also ensure that they were given due attention while performing the test.