



*Join us Friday, March 28 @ 12:00 noon
for rounds presentation by:*

Dr. Launny Lowden & Joanne Isber

*“Environmental Sustainability in
Laboratory Medicine”*

Learning Objectives:

At the end of this session, participants should be able to:

- Incorporate sustainable principles into lab operations, employing resources to reduce unnecessary waste, energy, emissions, and water use within the lab
- Evaluate the environmental impacts of common lab investigations as compared to efficacy in achieving patient health, considering environmental sustainability and patient outcomes as equal priorities
- Be a voice for change, advancing a culture of sustainability within healthcare institutions
- Exemplify the responsibility to practice lab medicine in a manner congruent with long term health and well-being for all

Dr. Launny Lowden is a Diagnostic and Clinical Pathologist at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital in Cranbrook, BC. She is passionate about rural laboratory medicine, environmental sustainability in healthcare, autopsy pathology, and healthcare quality. Launny is the Area Medical Laboratory Director for the Kootenays and the Medical Director of Patient Safety for Interior Health. She lives off grid on a mountain farm with her husband and toddler and enjoys all the outdoor recreation the Kootenays have to offer.

Joanne Isber has 38 years' experience in Laboratory operations generated in both Canada and the USA, and is currently employed in BC as Interior Health Corporate Program Director for Pathology and Lab Medicine. In addition, for the past 9 years, Joanne has been the instructor for the CSMLS Quality Systems course, guiding and mentoring professionals across Canada on the basic foundations of quality, continuous improvement and accreditation. In 2023, Joanne joined AXDEV research company as faculty representing the Executive Strategic Leader for a molecular study. With an assortment of clinical lab science, health administration and post-grad master's in business, Joanne is a strong believer in lifelong learning and recognizes success is predominately achieved through knowledge sharing and leadership agility.

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