



IMMUNOLOGY TRAINING MEETING 2026- Back To Basics
Tuesday 29th September 2026
Hallam View, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield

9:00 - 9:30

Registration and Refreshments

SESSION 1 – Back To Basics of Immunological Assays-Part 1

9:30 - 10:15

Immunoassay Principles- Measuring Antibodies and Antigens- What do I need to know?
Dr Ravishankar Sargur, PRU & UK NEQAS IIA, Sheffield

10:15 - 11:00

Sensitivity, Specificity, PPV, NPV-what does all this mean and why does it matter?
Dr Adrian Heaps, Bristol

11:00 – 11:15

Refreshments

SESSION 2 – Back To Basics of Immunological Assays-Part 2

11:15 – 12:30

Interactive Exercise/ Q&A/ Discussion- Designing and Understanding the performance characteristics of your assays?
Dr Ravishankar Sargur, PRU & UK NEQAS IIA, Sheffield & Dr Adrian Heaps, Bristol

12:30 – 13:15

Lunch

SESSION 3 – How To Be Confident That Your Assay Works

13:15 - 14:00

IQC-What's this all about and is it really needed?
Dr Kristen Lilly, PRU, Sheffield

14:00 – 14:45

EQA report interpretation and troubleshooting
Dina Patel, UK NEQAS IIA, Sheffield

14:45 - 15:45

Interactive Exercise/ Q&A/ Discussion- How to have confidence in quality assuring your assays
Dr Kristen Lilly, PRU, Sheffield & Dina Patel, UK NEQAS IIA, Sheffield

15:45 - 16:00

Closing Comments and Depart

Active participation & debate will be encouraged.