



Better health through laboratory medicine

***Pacific NW Section of AACC would like to invite you to the following laboratory tour, presentation and networking opportunity on Friday, May 16, 2014.***

## **Continuing education credit is available!**

**Title:** *A Local and National Intervention to Improve the Utilization of Clinical Laboratory Tests*

**Speaker:** *Michael Astion, MD, PhD  
Seattle Children's Hospital  
4800 Sand Point Way NE  
Seattle, WA 98105*

### **Program**

**Description:** The menu of clinical lab testing, especially in molecular genetics, is growing at an exponential rate – there is literally a gene panel for almost everything. The cost of these tests and relative reimbursement are sadly on different trajectories. With the increasing complexity, it only makes sense that more errors will be made. We found that 30% of orders are too big or flat-out wrong. We created a utilization management (UM) system for reviewing send-out tests which meet defined criteria, resulting in savings to the hospital and improved value for the patient. Based on our success, we developed a national collaboration with other pediatric institutions to help them implement similar UM interventions – called PLUGS (Pediatric Laboratory Utilization Guidance Services).

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**Note: Meet at Ocean 8 Entrance at the top of Penny Lane**

**When:** **Friday, May 16, 2014**  
1:30 - 2:15pm Tour of the Clinical laboratory at Seattle Children's Hospital  
2:20 - 3:40pm Scientific Program by Dr. Astion and question period  
3:45 - 4:00pm Travel to Liam's  
4:00 - 6:00pm Networking opportunity and Happy hour at:  
Liam's Bistro  
2685 NE 46th Street  
Seattle, WA 98105

**Cost:** Program – FREE  
Happy hour at Liam's – price varies

Reservations for the Program only or Program and Happy hour and should be made by **Sunday, May 11, 2014**. Reservations help us ensure that everyone has a seat and a meal. For information or to RSVP, contact Ken Hoekstra at [khoekstra@peacehealthlabs.org](mailto:khoekstra@peacehealthlabs.org)