Pilot Program for Standards Development
To reduce the time to publication and ensure more consistent document development timelines, CLSI is launching a pilot program for standards development. The program requires DDCs to:

- Set a project-specific timeline and milestones for activities from the time of project approval through preparation of the Proposed Draft for vote.

- Establish a customized Web conference schedule at the face-to-face meeting (for the time period up to completion of the Proposed Draft) to meet document development needs.

In addition, the pilot program will:

- Introduce an Administrative Vice-Chairholder position with identified roles and responsibilities.

- Implement a quarterly reporting schedule to communicate document development successes and challenges to the Consensus Council.

Finally, a technical writer may be made available to assist in drafting document content.

The following projects have been identified to participate in this pilot program:

- EP26: *User Evaluation of Between-Reagent Lot Variation*

- EP27: *How to Construct and Interpret an Error Grid for Quantitative Diagnostic Assays*

- NBS06: *Newborn Screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency and Other Related Severe Immunodeficiencies*

- QMS15: *Assessments: Laboratory Internal Audit Program*

Lessons learned from these pilot projects will be used to improve the next generation of the CLSI document development process.

Additional information on the pilot program will be provided to the document development committees during their inaugural meetings.