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**DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR**  
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**TO: ALL MEDICAL FACILITY FOR OVERSEAS WORKERS AND SEAFARERS, PRINCIPALS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Clarification on the Implementation of the Integrated Clinical Laboratory Test Management Information System (I-Clinicalab) Pursuant to Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 2013-0006 known as "Guidelines to Rule XI: Role of DOH in the Omnibus Rules and Regulations Implementing the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, as Amended by Republic Act No. 10022"**


The Department of Health's (DOH) A.O. No. 2013-0006 entitled "Guidelines to Rule XI: Role of DOH in the Omnibus Rules and Regulations Implementing the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, as Amended by Republic Act No. 10022" was approved and published on 15 February 2013. This put the Order into effect on 2 March 2013.

Section V. B. of the A.O. on Information Management states that a DOH accredited medical clinic shall maintain a system of communication, recording and reporting of results of examinations to DOH. One of the components of the health examinations is the clinical laboratory tests. Since physicians utilize laboratory results in aid of diagnosis and treatment of diseases, the Health Agency would like to ensure that each and every clinical laboratory test procedure is being performed with quality and in accordance to rules and regulations.

It is in this light that DOH entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Philippine Council for Quality Assurance in Clinical Laboratories (PCQACL) to monitor the clinical laboratories of DOH accredited medical clinics regarding their compliance to quality control standards in clinical laboratory procedures and DOH accreditation standards. This led to the development of the Integrated Clinical Laboratory Test Management Information System (I-Clinicalab) which can be accessed at [doh.iclinicalab.com.ph](http://doh.iclinicalab.com.ph). **The System shall be free of charge to the overseas landbased and seabased workers, the medical clinics and the DOH.**

In line with the foregoing, all DOH accredited medical clinics are required to register, participate and implement the I-Clinicalab System on or before 1 October 2014 as part of the minimum requirements prior to issuance of the Certificate of Accreditation of the health facility.

Dissemination of this information to all concerned is requested.

  
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