***Labs Are Vital*** is changing and we want you to be involved.

We are pleased to be able to tell you that, following extensive consultation between Abbott and stakeholders from around the world, a new consortium of international professional bodies has been formed to build on the success of ***Labs Are Vital***, and take the program to the next level.

IFCC is part of the new Members Board, together with representatives from WASPaLM (World Association of Societies of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine), ASCP (American Society of Clinical Pathology) and IFBLS (International Federation for Biomedical and Laboratory Science). This is the first time that these four global organisations have collaborated on a single project.

We all stand by the original goals for the program, and are committed to making ***Labs Are Vital*** a powerful voice in support of the essential contribution laboratory medicine makes to our healthcare system.

The success of the new ***Labs Are Vital*** depends on active engagement from large numbers of individual laboratory medicine specialists. You are actively encouraged to **register on the new program website** at [www.labsarevital.com](http://www.labsarevital.com) to:

* Post blogs and start discussions
* Comment on stories
* Share your own experiences and contribute to our online toolbox

By working together, we can continue to spread the message that ***Labs Are Vital***

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