

Speaker/Presenter Biography (1):

Professor Maria Stevens Hardy, AHI(AMT), CLC(AMT) is a third generation member of the Healthcare Workforce and the CEO of Medical, Laboratory and Technology Consultants, LLC which in 2019 celebrates it's 10 year anniversary. After becoming a Quality Assurance Specialist at the age of 25, she traveled to many developing and resource limited countries to improve challenges in healthcare systems. By performing Quality Assessments as a Technical Consultant for MLT Consultants, LLC for laboratories around the world, she has been able to help with the most common challenges that these laboratories encounter; the implementation of Quality Management Systems and the execution of goals for quality in medical diagnostics. As a Health Educator, Maria studied Biology at Howard University in Washington, DC, Biomedical Science Research (BioTech) at University of Maryland School of Medicine, in Baltimore, Maryland. She is a member of the African Society of Laboratory Medicine, a Certified Allied Health Instructor and Certified Laboratory Consultant. She previously served as the Government Affairs Liaison for American Medical Technologists (AMT). Prof. Hardy is also an International Medical Affiliate member of ASCP. As a Technical Writer Professor Hardy has penned scientific abstracts, papers and articles. She also creates blogs for ASCP ONELab Under the Microscope and Global Risk Community as the Healthcare contributor. A college professor in Washington, DC she has helped many striving healthcare profession students as a clinical and general studies instructor. A subject matter expert on Quality Assessment, Regulatory Compliance and Accreditation Maria has also done intensive work on clinical studies including her publication of, 'Laboratory Accreditation Provides Economic Opportunities and Medical Laboratory Excellence in Resource Limited Countries,' International Academy of Pathology (IAP2014) October, 2014.