



### What are the governance arrangements for the FEN?

The FEN is governed in strict accordance with Swiss Charity Law, involving:

- An elected Board of Directors holding regular meetings with minutes
- Annual report and independently audited accounts in Swiss Francs
- Independent expert reviewers of project proposals

### Who are the elected Members of the FEN Board of Directors?

The inaugural Board of Directors comprises five persons with extensive experience of laboratory medicine and/or the operation of Charitable Trusts in healthcare:

- Dr Graham H Beastall (UK) - Chair
- Prof Thomas Brinkmann (Germany)
- Dr Lucia Monaco (Italy)
- Professor Tomris Ozben (Turkey)
- Dr Michelle Rossier (Switzerland)

### Who will provide financial support for the FEN?

IFCC has provided 'start-up' finance for the FEN. Further sponsorship may be provided by:

- Other Charitable Trusts active in healthcare
- Global commercial organisations active in healthcare
- National or international organisations with an interest in education in health
- Individual donors interested in improving patient safety in emerging nations

## DONATE

Potential donors to the FEN are encouraged to contact the Chair of the Board of Directors ([chair@ifccfoundation.org](mailto:chair@ifccfoundation.org)) to discuss their donation and how it may be used and acknowledged.

All donations will be deposited into the FEN bank account, with the following details:

Bank: **Credit Suisse, Geneva, Switzerland**  
 Account Name: **IFCC Foundation for Emerging Nations**  
 Swift code: **CRESCHZZ12A**  
 IBAN: **CH33 0483 5158 8655 2100 0**  
 Account number: **0251-1588655-21**



Further details of the FEN are also available from: [www.ifccfoundation.org](http://www.ifccfoundation.org)



# Foundation for Emerging Nations (FEN)

### What is the FEN?

The *Foundation for Emerging Nations (FEN)* is a non-profit making Charitable Trust established in 2016 under Swiss Law by the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC).

### What is the purpose of the FEN?

"The Foundation is devoted to fund raising and to supporting programmes that help to improve the quality and delivery of laboratory medicine services, particularly in emerging nations."

### Why is the FEN important?

A high percentage of all clinical decisions are influenced by the results of laboratory medicine investigations. Consequently, patient safety and clinical outcomes are dependent on the quality of laboratory medicine services. In developed countries laboratory medicine services are of high quality, and most are accredited against an international standard. In emerging nations there is scope for improvement in the quality of laboratory medicine services but educational support is required.

### Where can I learn more about the FEN?

This leaflet contains information on:

- Laboratory medicine in healthcare
- Examples of projects suitable for funding by the FEN
- Governance of the FEN, including the Board of Directors
- How to donate to the FEN

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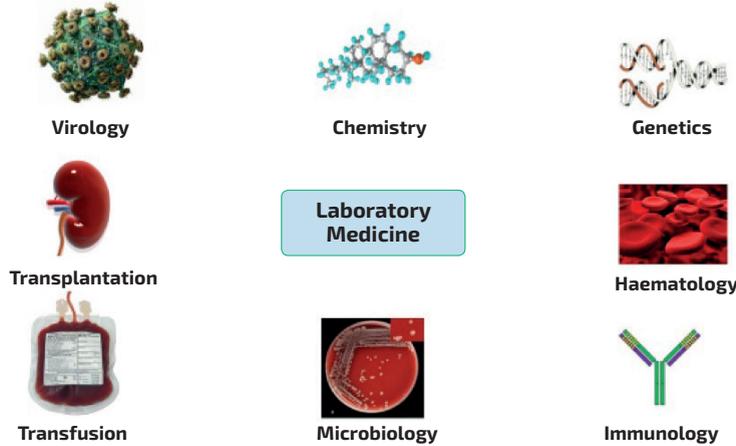




## What is Laboratory medicine?

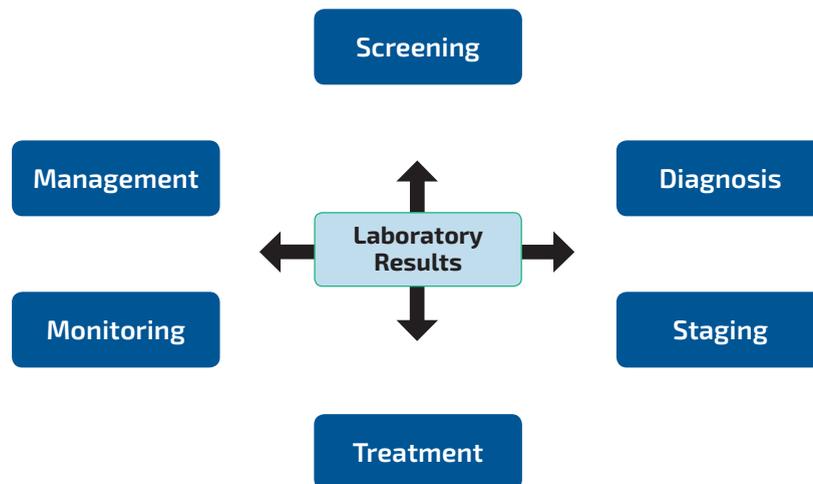
Laboratory medicine:

- Involves performing tests on samples of blood or other biological specimens
- Offers >2,000 different investigations across several sub-specialities:



## How are laboratory medicine results used?

A high percentage of all clinical decisions are influenced by laboratory medicine results. Laboratory medicine supports investigations across the full range of healthcare.



## What is the IFCC and why is it important?

The IFCC is the leading global professional organisation for laboratory medicine. IFCC has national society Full and Affiliate Members from >90 countries, including many emerging nations. IFCC also has >50 Corporate Members, many of whom supply the equipment and reagents that are used by clinical laboratories worldwide. Together IFCC Members represent >40,000 senior laboratory medicine specialists. IFCC Members may assist the *FEN* in identifying and supporting suitable development projects.

## What projects are suitable for funding by the FEN?

The *FEN* is able to support projects in emerging nations that are organised by societies, groups or individuals, provided that the project will lead to an outcome that:

- can be assessed in terms of quality improvement, and/or
- provides a baseline for local support to continue the project

Projects shall be educational in nature and may occur at undergraduate or postgraduate level. Suitable projects will be in line with the Mission, Aims and Overall Strategic Direction of IFCC, although the *FEN* is not restricted to supporting projects nominated by IFCC Members.

The map shows examples of previous IFCC projects that may be suitable to attract future *FEN* support. It is illustrative and not exclusive. Details of these projects are on the website

