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## Welcome

Dear colleagues,

We are happy to inform you with this newsletter about current QUARTS topics.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of any questions, feedback and general inputs.

Your QUARTS Working Group

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# QUARTS Newsletter



**QUARTS**

Quality for Assisted  
Reproductive Technologies  
Swiss System

## Accredited laboratories

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The QUARTS accreditation system has been in operation since 2018. Eight laboratories are already accredited according to the QUARTS requirements. Please find a list of the accredited laboratories on the Doc-Cert AG website ([www.doc-cert.ch](http://www.doc-cert.ch)). Another four laboratories are in the accreditation process.

The accredited laboratories are located in the following cantons: Aargau (1), Lucerne (1), Schwyz (1), Solothurn (1), St. Gallen (1), Zurich (2). In all cases the QUARTS accreditation was accepted by the respective cantonal doctors.

## QUARTS Accreditation Commission

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The QUARTS Accreditation Commission is represented by the QUARTS Working Group, which is affiliated with the Quality Commission of the Swiss Society for Reproductive Medicine (SGRM).

Colleagues who are interested in participating in the further development of the QUARTS accreditation system, are kindly asked to contact Dr. med. Felix Häberlin, representative of the QUARTS Working Group.

## Updated version of the QUARTS requirements specification

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The QUARTS Working Group has updated the QUARTS requirements specification. The new version 3.3 came into effect on August 1, 2020. It should be noted that the KPIs 2020 must be evaluated according to version 3.3 of the requirements specification.

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Version 3.3 of the QUARTS requirements specification is available for download on the Doc-Cert AG website ([www.doc-cert.ch](http://www.doc-cert.ch)). Copies in which the changes compared to the previous versions are marked are also available.

## Information about the QUARTS accreditation system for patients

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Patients expect the highest level of safety in fertility treatment. Externally monitored quality is very important. Inform your patients that you have the QUARTS accreditation and thereby increase the trust in your laboratory. We have made a suggestion for a text that can be used to inform the patients (see attachment newsletter). You are very welcome to use it.

## QUARTS accreditation for the clinic

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Work within a reproductive medicine laboratory does not take place in an isolated manner, but rather it involves close, multifaceted exchanges with the clinic.

The desire for an accreditation system for the clinical processes has already been expressed several times. The QUARTS Working Group is happy to pursue this idea, but would first like to ask all QUARTS accredited laboratories what they think about this idea.

## Your opinion is important to us

Do you consider a QUARTS accreditation for clinical processes as useful?

Please send your feedback by the end of September 2020 directly to [u.wetter@doc-cert.ch](mailto:u.wetter@doc-cert.ch). Thank you!

## Safe the Date

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The next general meeting of the FIVNAT and the SGRM will take place on January 13, 2021 on the occasion of the Women's Health Congress in Zurich. The QUARTS Working Group will report about QUARTS as part of the annual report of the Quality Commission of the SGRM.

## Feedback and Questions

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Regular exchange with you is important to us. Please feel free to contact us directly for feedback and in case of any questions.