



# QUARTS

Quality for Assisted  
Reproductive Technologies  
in Switzerland

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee, we wish to give you a progress report on the "QUARTS" quality management system used by the Swiss Society for Reproductive Medicine (SGRM) and the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Gynäkologische Endokrinologie und Reproduktionsmedizin (AGER) of the Swiss Society for Gynaecology and Obstetrics (SGGG).

In the interim, pilot accreditations have taken place in three reproductive medicine laboratories in Switzerland. The audits were conducted under the supervision of external auditor and University Professor Mag. Dr. rer. nat. Thomas Ebner, Dr. med. Tanja Volm and Dr. phil. Martha Käslin from the Doc Cert certification company. Based on feedback from the pilot accreditations, final practice-relevant adjustments were made to the list of requirements to produce the definitive version.

After conducting the QUARTS pilot accreditations, Thomas Ebner wrote, "*... All in all, I was positively surprised not only by the level required but also by the quality of what was delivered. No-one can say that this kind of auditing is pointless. ... However, to put it in a nutshell, I would not deviate one bit from this path to make the process less rigorous. ... But those who show willing and prepare accordingly, not to mention invest in the system, will have a fair chance of success....*"

Swiss reproductive medicine laboratories considering accreditation in accordance with the QUARTS list of requirements, are asked to contact the certification body, Doc Cert AG (info@doc-cert.com; Tel. +41 79 175 3742). Further information and registration documents will be supplied thereafter.

The list of requirements for QUARTS can be obtained from the SGRM ([www.sgrm.org](http://www.sgrm.org)) and Doc-Cert AG ([www.doc-cert.com](http://www.doc-cert.com)) websites as of April 2018.

A "QUARTS" information event will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, in Berne, from 14:30 to 17:30. Interested participants are asked to contact Mrs. Maya Weder, SGRM Secretariat ([administration.sgrm@bluewin.ch](mailto:administration.sgrm@bluewin.ch)) by April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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