



*Joint IAF-ILAC-ISO Communiqué  
on the  
Management system requirements of ISO 15189 - Medical laboratories -  
Particular requirements for quality and competence*

A medical laboratory's fulfilment of the requirements of ISO 15189 means the laboratory meets both the technical competence requirements and the **management system requirements** necessary for it to consistently deliver technically valid test results. The **management system requirements** in ISO 15189 are written in language relevant to a medical laboratory's operations. Medical laboratories that implement ISO 15189 operate generally in accordance with the principles of ISO 9001.

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**IAF Chair  
Emanuele Riva**

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**ILAC Chair  
Etty Feller**

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**ISO Secretary General**