

Re: IGeneX Labs

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pmerv@xxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

- > At the recent ILADS conference, according to Jyotsna Shah, PhD, CMLD,
- > MBA, Vice President of Research and Development Dept. and Laboratory
- > Director of Clinical Reference Laboratory,,

Uh do you know what the term "self serving" means? Do you realize (and you made it confusing here) that he WORKS FOR IGENEX?

- >IGeneX scored better than
- > 95% in the stringent NY proficiency tests from 2001-2005. Out of 58
- > labs, only IGeneX had a perfect score on Western blot proficiency. In
- > recent tests for 327 patients, 238 were identified as positive by
- > IGeneX criteria. Only 112 would have been correctly diagnosed using the
- > CDC surveillance criteria.

Well that conflates several important concepts.

One is that proficiency testing is NOT the same as validation.

Two, it ASSUMES that the Igenex testing is correct--so it is tautological.

- > In testimony given at the Informational Hearing on Lyme Disease: Issues
- > in Diagnosis and Reporting, Wednesday, February 25, 2004, to the
- > California Legislature Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
- > (Deborah V. Ortiz, Chair) Dr. Shah offered the following:
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- > "For the year 2003, just to give you an idea, we had tested 698
- > patients suspected of Lyme disease. Three hundred and ninety-four were
- > positive by either Western blot or antigen test or PCR. If we had gone
- > by the CDC criteria only, we would have missed 70 percent of this 394
- > cases."

Again, that puts the cart before the horse and ASSUMES that the Igenex testing and standards are correct. It proves nothing other than a disturbing view of "logic" where the tautology of self fulfilling prophecy is used to try to ask and answer the same question.

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I'm disturbed that he thinks this is "logical" if he does and if he doesn't then it is DELIBERATLY misleading.

I'll assume it is bad logic.

Either way, it is disturbing.

> In other words, 56% of the Lyme disease tests performed by IGeneX
> Laboratory in 2003 were positive.

And???

> This testimony is on the public record and is available online as part
> of the recording of the complete hearing at www.calchannel.com. Go to
> Search Archive, Browse by Month (February 2004), then to February 25th
> (listed as 022504), Senate Info- Hearing, Health and Human Services -
> Lyme Disease and hit "watch."

So?

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