CLSI CONVERSATION STARTER

How do we find and use the guidance we need?

Help your team reduce uncertainty and work more consistently with current CLSI guidance.
15 minutes. One procedure, method, or project. No preparation needed.

An opening you can read aloud

"Could we take 15 minutes to look at our work and the CLSI guidance behind it? What works well, and what might need attention?"

You don't need all the answers. Simply start a discussion.
For each question, assess what you know and what you might need to explore further.

1 What guidance do we rely on for this work?

☐ Don't know ☐ Need to check ☐ See a gap

Name the standard or reference, if known. _____

2 How do we know it's current?

☐ Don't know ☐ Need to check ☐ See a gap

Who checks for changes, and how do we hear about them? _____

3 Can everyone who needs it get to it?

☐ Don't know ☐ Need to check ☐ See a gap

Think about people, shifts, and locations.

4 Where do we show how we use it?

☐ Don't know ☐ Need to check ☐ See a gap

Look at procedures, training, validation plans, or decision records.

5 What, if anything, should we clarify or improve?

Choose one next step and someone who can help. _____

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"We need to check" is a useful answer. Capture the next step on page 2.

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What happens next?

Choose a follow-up prompt if helpful, then record what your team agrees.

A Question for the Next Conversation

For your Supervisor

Could we check that everyone doing this work has the guidance they need?

For the Laboratory or executive leader

Which gap matters most, and what should we assess before recommending a change?

For your Quality colleague

Could we show the guidance behind this practice and where we documented its use?

For the IVD project team

Are all teams using the same references? Who will assess changes that affect the project?

Our Conversation Record

Have something to refer back to as you plan next steps.

The work we discussed

_____

What's working well

_____

What we still need to understand

_____

Our next step

_____

Who will follow up, and by when

_____

"Our current approach works" is a valid conclusion. Good Practice is the goal. But you may also find that there are opportunities. And CLSI can help.

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