

# **Investing in Work Place Safety & Health : Laboratory Perspective**

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## **The Ladymeade Reference Unit**



## LRU LABORATORY

- ▶ The Ladymeade Reference Unit officially opened June 2002.
- ▶ LRU Laboratory Accredited in 2009 by an internationally recognised programme (College of American Pathologist)
- ▶ First Accredited Public Health Lab in English speaking Caribbean



## What we offer.....

- Routine monitoring of HIV infected individuals
  - CD4<sup>+</sup> lymphocyte analyses
  - Viral load measurements
  - DNA PCR – Early Infant Diagnosis (EID)
  - HIV Drug resistance testing
  - Chlamydia & Gonorrhoea
  - HPV
- Some services are offered to OECS

## Health & Safety Management System

- Review of SOPs – Local & Regional
- Self-Assessment checklist
- Audit

## What we Learnt..

- Requires commitment from management & staff
- Develop new or modified safety and health procedures and documents identified from assessments
- Compliance with Health & Safety Act

## Where we are now..

- Implementation of additional Safety Reports
- Development of SOPs for Accident Investigation
- Scheduled Internal Safety Audits



# SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY



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