AUTOMATED LABORATORY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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RESULTS

Testing facility received a complete functional LIMS System that matched processes within a short period of time. The system allowed collecting more accurate data by removing transcription errors and the need to use multiple spreadsheets, maintain electronic records to good practice (GxP) standards and bring about great time savings by increasing the efficiency of reporting and reducing the amount of quality control (QC) checking required on data. The Client noted data access improvements for external customer queries, simplification and automation of invoicing, productivity improvements, such as using barcoding for sample tracking, the automation of calculations and control of associated results. Additional benefits include more accurate planning and scheduling, eliminating manual transcription and duplication of data and simplifying access to laboratory data. The Bika LIMS integration successfully performed by Intetics resulted in time and money saved, efficiencies improved and productivity enhanced for the Client.