## AN EFI ACCREDITED HLA LABORATORY IN NOVI SAD-VOJVODINA, SERBIA



EFI is an organization of Immunogenetics in Europe, working in the fields of Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility with the aim to advance immunogenetics as a discipline of medicine and to standardize techniques and criteria for the accreditation of laboratories in this field.

Tissue Typing Compartment of the Institute for Blood Transfusion of Vojvodina is involved in many clinical activities like solid organ transplantation, Hematopoietic Stem Cell transplantation, immunogenetics, transfusion medicine and other by performing several tests, offering medical advices, collaborating with numerous teems and individuals, in national and international level, taking care of provided services quality to the patients. Accuracy, knowledge, efficacy, efficiency, confidentiality, the lowest risk of mistake and a common "language" in a sense of common standards among histocompatibility and immunogenetics laboratories, is necessary and it is obtained through a well prepared accreditation program.

In 2014. Tissue Typing Compartment renewed the EFI accreditation with certification and introduction into the routine work new techniques within all four categories of EFI accreditation: Organ transplantation, Hematopoietic Stem Cell transplantation, Disease association studies and Transfusion.

Benefits for the Tissue Typing Compartment are: proven capability for reliable results, avoidance of mistakes and accidents, recognition of competence and confidence, results and services mutually accepted from other agencies or accreditation schemes, mutual recognition among accreditation schemes, improved working conditions, improved workplace, participation of staff in educational activities, maintaining high levels of education, collaboration with other accredited scientific departments, efficiency improvement, modernization of processes (organization, operation), gaining a competitive advantage, increase in patients and all recipients of services confidence, upgrade in quality of service, international recognition, acquisition and promotion of confidence.

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