



Dear Valued NRL Customer,

Re: Rebranding of QConnect serology QC samples to OptiTrol

NRL would like to advise participants of the NRL QC Program that QConnect™ branded QC products manufactured by DiaMEX GmbH (Heidelberg, Germany) and provided by NRL will be re-branded as OptiTrol™ and co-branded as QConnect™.

The transition from QConnect™ to OptiTrol™ has commenced with all new production of QC lots manufactured from 1st January 2020 and will be rolled out in stages as each QC product is rebranded.

The QC products *will not* change in any other way, including price, manufacturer, formulation, performance and content.

Important information that affects you:

OptiTrol™ branded products, co-branded with QConnect™ will have a new catalogue number for ordering and registration purposes. During the transitional period, the catalogue number on the order forms will remain unchanged until QConnect™ stocks are exhausted. The QConnect™ Catalogue and order form will be updated as each equivalent OptiTrol™ QC becomes available. The Catalogue and order form can be accessed on the NRL website:

<https://www.nrlquality.org.au/purchasing-qconnect-qcs-aus-nz>

When an order is placed and the supply of a QConnect™ branded product is exhausted, or stocks available do not cover your order, NRL will inform you ahead of receiving the new OptiTrol™ branded QC.

All OptiTrol™ products **will be listed** on the Australian Register for Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) under the existing ARTG identifiers.

All historical data in EDCNet will be migrated to the OptiTrol™ version of the product and you will have access to all your historical data.

Why the change?

This change allows NRL to use the QConnect™ brand according to the way it was intentionally introduced – as a concept on meaningful use of QC for infectious disease testing. The concept is not limited to just one QC manufacturer.

All OptiTrol™ QC products will have the QConnect™ brand on packaging and relevant information.

What do I need to do?

There is no change as to how you currently order your QC product. NRL will contact you ahead of receiving your first Optitrol™ QC. NRL Order forms will list each new Optitrol™ QC as they become available.

NRL will continue to keep you informed throughout this transitional period.

For any further information or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me and the QC Services team.

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