



LAB TESTS ONLINE CZECH REPUBLIC

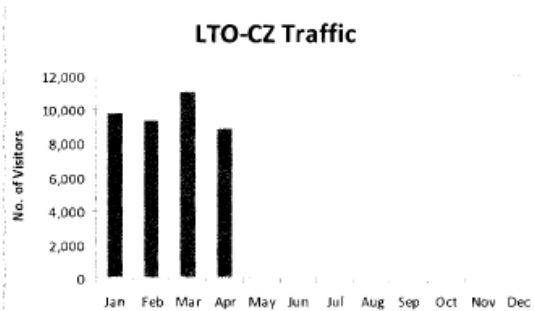
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The work of the clinical laboratory professional has long been an unseen aspect of health care. Yet, clinical lab tests often provide the link between the patient's presentation of symptoms and the doctor's diagnosis of and prescribed treatment for a particular condition or disease. EDMA, the European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association is proud to collaborate with the Czech Society of Clinical Biochemistry, CSKB (Česká Společnost Klinické Biochemie), and the Czech diagnostic industry association CZEDMA, in developing the Lab Tests Online website in Czech, in order to provide visibility to the valuable work of the medical laboratories.

Initially developed by the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) in the US, LabTestsOnline is a global project with websites in U.K. and Australia as well. EDMA coordinates the project of localising LabTestsOnline in continental Europe. In addition to the Czech website the peer-reviewed, patient-centred, and non-commercial website is already available in Spanish, German, Polish, Hungarian, Italian, and Greek. To get a better understanding of the project, EDMA would like to invite you to visit the website: www.LabTestsOnline.info, where you can access all the national sites.

Online since 8 October 2008, LabTestsOnline^{CZ} is the youngest of the European websites. EDMA is pleased to observe the fast progress made by the Czech team. Only 6 months after the launch, almost 200 tests can be found online.

Moreover, the website traffic has steadily increased in 2009. With 9000 visitors per month, the website reaches already 20% of the national online population.



Lab Tests Online meets both a public need, and the highest quality standards on health information. Both values also appreciated by the European Commission, which has approved the inclusion of the European Lab Tests Online websites on the [EU-Health Portal](#).

Thanks to the fruitful collaboration between CSKB, CZEDMA, and EDMA, health care consumers can take more responsibility for their care, by learning about their tests and discussing them more clearly with their doctors.

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