NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORY leads the way in sustainable healthcare

NRL is focusing on connectivity and sustainability to provide high quality laboratory services at an affordable cost.

NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORY (NRL) has an innovative approach to its services. NRL is part of the Mubadala network of world-class healthcare facilities and is managed by LabCorp (USA), one of the leading laboratory companies in the world. As a regional leader in the laboratory field, the company has found that focusing on sustainability and connectivity creates great benefits for all stakeholders, including patients and clients.

In a world where approximately 70 percent of medical decisions are based on test results, the laboratory market is changing rapidly, influenced by increased regulations and the need for cost efficiency. It is a growing trend for regional healthcare facilities to outsource the management of their laboratories so they can focus on patient care. Due to its unparalleled experience in laboratory management acquired through the rapid expansion of its network of laboratories, NRL stands as the first choice for many.

“FOLLOWING THE PROVEN MODEL of LabCorp, sustainability and connectivity are deeply rooted in our philosophy and foundations,” explains CEO Abdul Hamid Oubeisi. As an example, he points to the significant investments in IT systems, process and technology automation that has allowed NRL to operate one of the most advanced total laboratory automation solutions currently available worldwide. “The full automation set-up in our Abu Dhabi laboratory alone enables us to significantly increase our capacity and efficiencies, to reduce errors and to ultimately provide faster results and better services to patients and clients,” Mr. Oubeisi continues. “Relying on our strong Quality Management System, the automation and standardisation of processes, technology and capabilities across our growing network of ten laboratories is how we ensure a sustainable and reliable business that takes full advantage of economies of scale and provides high-quality efficient and affordable services. This allows NRL to offer high quality services at a cost sustainable for payers, providers and patients.”

NRL STRIVES to meet or exceed global laboratory standards. NRL has become the largest network of laboratories in the Middle East accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), the gold standard of laboratory accreditation. In addition, multiple NRL laboratories are also accredited by the International Standards Organization (ISO) 15189 and Joint Commission International (JCI).

“Further collaborations and alliances are at the core of our growth plan and we are actively working on increasing our association with local and regional providers and organisations,” Mr. Oubeisi concludes. “Going further, we will continue with our plan to increase the versatility and capacity of the local healthcare system by integrating highly specialised and sophisticated services otherwise not available in the country. Expanding the range of tests performed in the country is at the core of our mission, and is critical to ensure that we build a sustainable healthcare system for the UAE and the region. In addition to the already established in-country Centres of Excellence in molecular genetics, anatomic pathology, protein studies, special coagulation and flow-cytometry, we will soon be starting comprehensive tuberculosis testing and Human Leukocyte Antigens (HLA) testing to support the regional expansion of organ transplantation centres.”

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