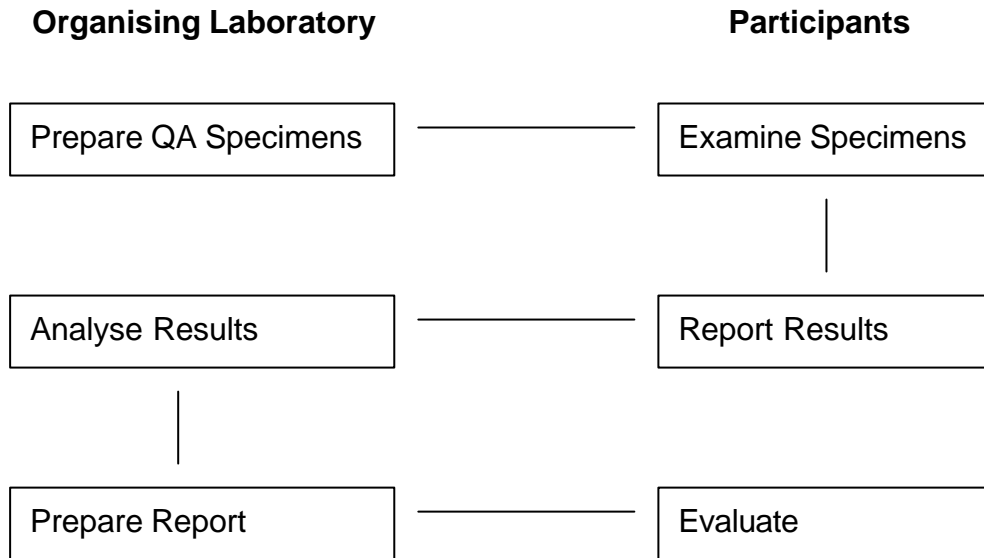


### The Basis of EQA



Participants receive EQA specimens at regular intervals, examine them by their routine methods and report their results to the organising centre. Immediately after the closing date of the distribution, participants are notified of the intended results. Shortly after (normally within 10 days), a full analysis of results is available giving details of overall performance. Each participant receives an analysis of their individual results both for current specimens and over a period of time, allowing assessment of performance. Country specific results are available to participants within a country where the total of participants in the scheme is ten or more.