Quality control from nurses’ perspectives: selected quotes

- “our results did not correlate with the patients signs and symptoms”
- “our results did not correlate with the lab findings”
- “unsure of a negative results”
- “we find it positive they (lab) find it negative”
- “clinically suspected cases were negative on RDT but positive in the hospital”

Quality control from the perspective of researchers and malaria control programme managers

- “Accuracy of the test, we are not getting the required level of sensitivity”
- “No commercial control is available”
- “we are concerned about the stability of the quality control specimen”
- “the key challenges are operator level efficiency, quality of the actual test, training instruction in the tests itself and performance of the test in the field”
- “Finding the right specimens and sources of the specimens for quality control, poses a huge challenge”
- “it is difficult to try to tease out what the problem really is in doing the test, ensure that the variables are all the same when testing proficiency.”
- “sometimes smears are done in parallel with the RDT and sometimes there is discrepancy.”