Goals and Objectives of the Diagnostic Subcommittee

- To create a register of diagnostic tests used in dry eye diagnosis with the following characteristics:
  - A Searchable register of referenced tests.
  - Variable sorting eg.
    Alphabetical by test name;
    By organ system tested
      Aqueous dynamics,
      Tear Stability,
      Tear composition,
      Meibomian Gland function etc.
    By Utility, eg.
      Diagnostic Classification criteria
      Clinical trials
        Recruitment – entry criteria
        Outcome measures
        Monitoring specific drug actions eg. anti-inflammatory; secretagogues
    Natural history
  - Identification of Evidence Level
    [this will be a second phase of development]
    - validation/precision and accuracy of tests
    - system used: eg. BMJ; etc

- To consider the operational use of tests in different clinical environments
  In general clinics
    What tests are feasible?
    What questionnaires can be made available?
  In dry eye clinics
    What tests are feasible?
    What questionnaires can be made available?
  In Clinical Trials
    Selection of tests
    Order of Tests
  In non-trial Clinical Research

- Manuals of Operation for individual tests
  Consider for selected, key tests
  Interface with industry

- Future Prospects
  What new tests are needed?
  How can they be brought to the general clinic?

- To Consider Publication Aspects: Presentation on the DEWS web site
  - Introductory narrative about epidemiological methods pertaining to the validation of tests
  - Legal aspects and disclaimers
  - Gated Access?
  - Facilitate for Video display (eg. to demonstrate standard conduct of the test)
  - Updating policy and procedure
  - Maintenance of the web site – long term goals and feasibility