# Data-management software upgrade, 5/14

May 2014—Siemens Healthcare released a software upgrade for the RAPIDComm Data Management System (V5.0), an informatics solution to centrally manage Siemens' in vitro diagnostics analyzers and operators at the point of care. The upgrade includes the RAPIDComm Web Application, which allows POC coordinators to view the status of their POC instruments and troubleshoot from a handheld device. It also enables customers who manage blood gas analyzers to remotely view and control their instruments directly from an iPad. An interface to the PEP (personalized education plan) Administrator lets coordinators create and assign to instrument operators custom e-quizzes, which must be successfully completed for training and certification. The system can then automatically recertify operators and centrally manage and download their IDs and passwords to the appropriate POC testing instruments. The Device Workload Reports help manage consumable inventory by identifying the number of patient and quality control samples processed by the POC devices. The system also helps record electronic reviews of patient and QC results.

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