

FDA clears Avails Medical AST system

March 2024—Avails Medical announced it has received FDA 510(k) clearance for its Equant system, an automated lab inoculation preparation system that consists of a single module instrument that holds a cuvette with an electrical sensor. It is intended for use with positive blood cultures samples for direct antimicrobial susceptibility testing without the traditional overnight subculture. The system works by preparing samples for direct susceptibility testing by manual agar disk diffusion.