

[HemoSonics Quantra awarded Innovative Technology contract](#)

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November 2023—HemoSonics announced that its Quantra hemostasis system received an Innovative Technology contract award from Vizient. The Quantra system consists of the Quantra hemostasis analyzer with QPlus and QStat cartridges and provides comprehensive whole-blood coagulation analysis at the point of care in less than 15 minutes.



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[Test adds twists to lung disease diagnosis](#)

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November 2023—It was a mystery, wrapped less in an enigma than a few layers of bafflement, surprise, and mild irritation. Call it the Case of the Split Lung Specimens. The first hint something was amiss came when Alain Borczuk, MD, vice chair of anatomic pathology and co-director of thoracic pathology, Northwell Health, noticed that he and his colleagues were receiving more insufficient bronchoscopy specimens than usual. “When I say ‘increasing’—we don’t get that many bronchoscopies. It’s not like colon polyps,” says Dr. Borczuk, who is also director of oncologic pathology, Northwell Health Cancer Institute. Normally they would get a handful a week, some of them straightforward cancer cases, although these additional cases were tied to noncancerous conditions. And then the plot thickened even further, with missing pieces—literally. Though no guideline clearly states what constitutes an adequate specimen, Dr. Borczuk says, the samples he and his colleagues were seeing fell markedly short.



[New guidance in checklist on AMR and mass spec](#)

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November 2023—In the 2023 edition of the CAP accreditation program checklists is new guidance on analytical measurement range verification and new and revised requirements for mass spectrometry.



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[Point-of-care testing scorecard spotlights hits and misses](#)

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November 2023—At the point of care, there are testing wins, some losses, and plenty of pitfalls. “Point-of-care coordinators all have the same problems,” says Meaghan Gladstone, applications consultant at Werfen.



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[In some settings, alternatives to HbA1c acceptable](#)

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November 2023—Glycated albumin and fructosamine are highly specific, with high levels suggesting hyperglycemia. This points to their utility in monitoring glycemic control in people with diabetes. “They’re quite useful in the setting of overt hyperglycemia,” said Elizabeth Selvin, PhD, MPH, at this year’s meeting of the Association for Diagnostics and Laboratory Medicine.



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[Generative AI, from education to corner cases](#)

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Generative artificial intelligence—what it is, how it can be used in pathology, what stands in its way, why the excitement. CAP TODAY publisher Bob McGonnagle spoke about that and more with pathologists Bobbi Pritt, MD, MSc, and Scott Anderson, MD; Ajit Singh, PhD, of Stanford and Artiman Ventures; and Devon Snedden, a health care consultant in artificial intelligence. “There are a lot of excellent possibilities that we’re just starting to understand and explore for the field of pathology,” said Dr. Pritt of Mayo Clinic.



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AI-driven spatial biology: the next next-gen sequencing

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November 2023—Spatial biology may be an emerging field, but Kenneth Bloom, MD, says he and other pathologists have been doing it “since we got the microscope.” And he argues it’s going to become “the new, most important lens we look through.” The reason is the emergence of new cancer treatments like immunotherapy and, most importantly, antibody drug conjugates like Enhertu, says Dr. Bloom, head of pathology for Nucleai, a company specializing in AI-powered spatial biology.



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Minds shift on digital path, ‘massive change’ predicted

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Is digital pathology on the move? Two who know it well say it is. Esther Abels, a precision medicine and biomedical regulatory health science expert who is CEO of SolarisRTC and former president of the Digital Pathology Association, and Michael Rivers, vice president/lifecycle leader of digital pathology at Roche Tissue Diagnostics, spoke in September with CAP TODAY publisher Bob McGonnagle, who got their take on where things stand.



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[Pathology navigators bring molecular test efficiencies](#)

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November 2023—Few things in the laboratory can do so much at once: boost histotechnologist productivity, safeguard tissue, offer a career path and help retain staff, keep watch on test utilization, and reduce the number of calls to pathologists and turnaround time, all while advocating for the patient.



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[Reports revisited—panel on preferences and pain points](#)

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November 2023—Reports—integrated or otherwise—were up for discussion when CAP TODAY publisher Bob McGonnagle convened online in October a group of informatics experts, who spoke of the need for simplicity in a time of growing complexity, ease of access, where Epic isn't strong. The full conversation follows.



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