

Santé, Vanguard Healthcare Staffing announce partnership

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January 2023—Santé Consulting and Vanguard Healthcare Staffing announced a partnership in which the companies will provide recruiting support for anatomic and clinical laboratories.



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SeraCare BRCA NGS reference material

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January 2023—LGC SeraCare announced the availability of its Seraseq FFPE BRCA1/2 LGR Reference Material intended for use with next-generation sequencing assays or amplified nucleic-acid-based methods that identify somatic and germline variants in *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* genes. The reference material contains 20 DNA variants in the genomic background of GM24385. One 10- μ m formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded curl is provided per vial.



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[Thermo Fisher launches TrueMark infectious disease panels](#)

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January 2023—Thermo Fisher Scientific launched its TrueMark Infectious Disease Research Panels. The analytically sensitive, duplexed TaqMan assays are performed on pre-spotted and dried-down plates that include microorganism-specific pathogens, using real-time PCR techniques, which enables rapid and accurate detection for investigating microorganisms that cause respiratory, vaginal, urinary, gastrointestinal, and sexually transmitted diseases. The predefined and customizable panel options allow researchers to choose from more than 90 different bacterial and viral strain assays to generate results within four hours of taking the samples. Testing can be done from nasopharyngeal swabs or nasopharyngeal aspirate; vaginal, genital, and lesion swabs; or urine samples.



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[Bio-Rad launches blood screening controls in Europe](#)

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January 2023—Bio-Rad Laboratories has announced that Exact Diagnostics HBV, HCV, and HIV-1 screen controls are available in Europe. The controls are designed to monitor the performance of blood donor screening assays and are calibrated against the Third WHO International Standard for HBV (NIBSC code 10/264) and HIV-1 (10/152) and the Fourth WHO International Standard for HCV (06/102). The products are made of whole viruses in a citrate plasma matrix to ensure lot-to-lot reproducibility, have an 18-month shelf life from date of manufacture when stored at -20°C or below, and are stable for 24 hours when stored at 2° to 8°C .

[Spot Imaging introduces sample-tracking solutions](#)

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January 2023—Spot Imaging has introduced three instruments for sample tracking and storage designed to address staffing shortages and storage inefficiencies. BlocDoc automatically captures images of cut blocks and raw slides for electronic sharing and tracking. The PathTracker scans cassettes and slide transport containers in bulk, scanning 150 cassettes in less than 25 seconds, and uploads the information to the PathTracker and laboratory information system. PathArchiv is a file-room sample management system for blocks and slides that can trace samples by case, loan status, location, or age.

[Thermo Fisher liquid biopsy assays](#)

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February 2023—Thermo Fisher Scientific has introduced more than 50 Absolute Q liquid biopsy assays for research use. The wet lab verified liquid biopsy assays provide highly sensitive, specific nucleic acid quantification, enabling single nucleotide polymorphisms detection down to 0.1 percent variant allele frequency.



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IMV awards Werfen five ServiceTrak awards

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February 2023—Werfen has received five 2022 IMV ServiceTrak clinical laboratory awards in two categories. The company received best system performance and best service awards in the coagulation analyzers category, and awards for best customer satisfaction, best system performance, and best service in the blood gas category. This is the fourth consecutive year Werfen has been recognized in coagulation and the second time it has received all three awards in the blood gas category.



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Vistapath introduces Sentinel platform

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February 2023—Vistapath has introduced its flagship product, the Sentinel pathology processing platform. The platform uses machine vision combined with artificial intelligence to assess specimens and create a gross report in a few seconds. It consists of the Sentinel module, which measures 17 in. W × 12 in. D × 15 in. H, and the touchscreen, which measures 15 in. W × 8 in. D × 11 in. H.



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FDA authorizes PerkinElmer Eonis kit for SMA screening in newborns

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January 2023—PerkinElmer announced that the FDA has authorized the marketing of its Eonis SCID-SMA assay kit for in vitro diagnostic use by certified laboratories for the detection of spinal muscular atrophy and severe combined immunodeficiency in newborns. This is the first FDA-authorized assay for SMA screening in newborns in the United States, the company says, and is part of the company's Eonis platform. The Eonis platform is a robust, flexible system that uses real-time PCR technology to screen for SMA and SCID using a single dried blood spot sample.



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QuidelOrtho, Runda form joint venture to develop assays

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January 2023—QuidelOrtho will form a joint venture between Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Trading, a

subsidiary of QuidelOrtho, and Shanghai Medconn Biotechnology, a subsidiary of Shanghai Runda Medical Technology, to develop and manufacture assays in China for QuidelOrtho's Vitros platform. Following a successful assay pilot program, the companies expect to begin developing a broader set of assays early this year in parallel with building out the joint venture organization in the Shanghai and Beijing areas.



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