

Siemens launches Innovance VWF Ac assay

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November 2022—Siemens Healthineers announced that its Innovance VWF Ac assay is available to U.S. laboratories for use on the company's BCS XP system and on Sysmex CS-2500 and CS-5100 hemostasis analyzers.



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FDA clears COVID-19 PCR test on Cobas 6800/8800 systems

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November 2022—Roche announced that the FDA has granted 510(k) clearance for the Cobas SARS-CoV-2 Qualitative PCR test for use on the automated Cobas 6800 and Cobas 8800 systems. It is a real-time RT-PCR test intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acids from SARS-CoV-2 in nasal and nasopharyngeal swab specimens collected from symptomatic patients who are suspected of having COVID-19 by their health care provider. The single-well, dual-target assay includes specific detection of SARS-CoV-2 and pan-sarbecovirus detection for the sarbecovirus subgenus that includes SARS-CoV-2.



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[Verichem reference materials for ethanol testing](#)

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November 2022—Verichem Laboratories announced the availability of a ready-to-use set of multilevel clinical reference materials for the calibration and calibration verification of ethanol assays on a range of diagnostic testing systems. The protein-based liquid standards are free of surfactants, glycols, azides, and other interfering substances. Each kit contains 5 mL of material per vial at the six available concentration levels and has a shelf life of 18 months when stored at 2° to 8°C. The product also contains a known linear relation for acetaminophen, lactate, and salicylate.



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[Traceable updates four products](#)

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November 2022—Traceable announced it has updated four of its products—a refrigerator/freezer digital thermometer with probe, a thermohygrometer with clock, a three-channel timer with alarm, and a four-channel timer with clock—to be more user friendly, economical, and higher performing. The updates are based on feedback that the company gathered from customer focus groups and industry conversations to learn how clinics, laboratories, academic institutions, logistics companies, and other organizations use its products.



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Thermo Fisher Scientific buys Binding Site

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November 2022—Thermo Fisher Scientific announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the Binding Site Group from a shareholder group led by European private equity firm Nordic Capital. The all-cash transaction is valued at approximately \$2.6 billion at current exchange rates, Thermo Fisher reported in a press release.



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ZeptoMetrix releases flu, RSV, SARS-CoV-2 external run control

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December 2022—ZeptoMetrix has released its NATtrol external run control for flu A and B, RSV B, and SARS-CoV-2, for research use only.



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

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Dec. 16, 2022—Thermo Fisher Scientific launched TrueMark Infectious Disease Research Panels.



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[FDA approves Qiagen CDx for NSCLC](#)

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Dec. 14, 2022—Qiagen announced FDA approval of its Therascreen KRAS RGQ PCR kit as a companion diagnostic test to aid in identifying non-small cell lung cancer patients eligible for treatment with adagrasib (Krazati, Mirati Therapeutics).



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[CompuGroup acquires Medicus Laboratory](#)

Information Systems

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Dec. 9, 2022—CompuGroup Medical US announced the acquisition of Medicus Laboratory Information Systems from Diagnostic Systems Consulting LLC.



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The way forward for prehospital transfusion

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December 2022—Ask Leonard Weiss, MD, what his favorite part of his schedule is, and he’s quick to answer that it’s the fieldwork: the helicopter and ambulance dispatches he accompanies once or twice a month as associate medical director of emergency medical services at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Weiss, who is also assistant professor of emergency medicine and assistant medical director of Pittsburgh’s Stat Medevac service, says one of the UPMC emergency services he strongly supports is the prehospital transfusion of blood products. “Until recently, there wasn’t a lot of evidence to deploy its use on the ground as it is in the air, but thanks to extensive use by the military and scientific evidence of the value of prehospital transfusion,” he says, it is more likely to become part of some hospitals’ emergency medicine programs. The 911 ground-based transfusion program at UPMC and city of Pittsburgh EMS began in 2020. As Dr. Weiss and his UPMC colleagues acknowledge, however, myriad complexities come into play.



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