

# [ZeptoMetrix launches molecular QCs for women's health](#)

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Oct. 19, 2022—ZeptoMetrix launched two vaginal molecular QC controls, NATtrol Vaginal Positive Control and NATtrol Vaginal Negative Control, for in vitro diagnostic use.



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## [Indica, Hamamatsu to provide integrated DP workflows](#)

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Oct. 18, 2022—Indica Labs and Hamamatsu Photonics announced an agreement to maintain long-term interoperability between Indica Labs' Halo AP software platform and Hamamatsu's NanoZoomer series of scanners.



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## [The art and science of positive blood cultures](#)

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October 2022—It might be possible to tot up, using only the number of toes on an ordinary foot, how many labs are feeling full of vim and vigor these days, open to concepts like *creative destruction and get those creative juices flowing and have fun with it*—slogans once easily uttered but now tiring to enact. Nevertheless, Margie Morgan, PhD, D(ABMM), would like her colleagues to at least consider the possibility of inspiration in the microbiology laboratory. In particular, Dr. Morgan, medical director of microbiology and professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, has some thoughts about using a new automated system to facilitate rapid microbial identification from positive blood cultures. The Arc system, from Accelerate Diagnostics, is composed of the Arc module and blood culture kit and concentrates organisms recovered in positive blood cultures for direct testing on MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry. Dr. Morgan and colleagues have been using the system since February.



## [Platelet transfusions: safety, cost, and workflow](#)

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October 2022—The jury may no longer be out on whether pathogen reduction of platelet units reduces the risk of a septic transfusion reaction enough to replace culturing of platelet units.



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## [Checklists now made to fit for next-gen sequencing labs](#)

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October 2022—As the diagnostic uses for next-generation sequencing have grown, so too has the length of the NGS section of the CAP molecular pathology accreditation program checklist. Now, with the release of the new checklist edition this month, NGS laboratories will find the NGS section in their customized checklists leaner, more relevant, and easier to read.



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## **Sodium measurement—when the method matters**

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October 2022—William E. Winter, MD, D(ABCC), is blunt about whether to report a corrected sodium: He would worry if his name were on such a report. “I think you have to be careful about formulas,” he said in his “hot topic” talk at the AACC meeting in July.



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## **Purchased for the pandemic? Rethinking instrumentation**

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October 2022—Who’s doing what with instruments purchased at the peak of the pandemic? That and next-generation sequencing are what CAP TODAY publisher Bob McGonnagle asked Compass Group members about when they met virtually on Sept. 6. The Compass Group is an organization of not-for-profit IDN system laboratory leaders who collaborate to identify and share best practices and strategies.



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# [A wait-and-watch season of respiratory viruses](#)

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October 2022—Influenza incidence and what it will mean for testing in this respiratory virus season is a wild card, as is how SARS-CoV-2 will evolve. In early September, SARS-CoV-2 prevalence was declining in parts of the United States. “And if you believe in the theory of viral interference,” says Michelle Tabb, PhD, chief scientific officer at DiaSorin Molecular, “it’s leaving the door wide open right now for something else to step in. We’ll see if that’s RSV, or flu A, or if it’s a new COVID variant.”



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# [Scoring HER2 expression across the full spectrum](#)

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October 2022—HER2-low breast cancers are now of greater clinical interest, given Enhertu’s recent approval for use in treating such cancers. How to achieve accurate and reproducible results in scoring HER2-low tumors was at the center of a CAP TODAY webinar on new perspectives on the full spectrum of HER2 expression in breast cancer.



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