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March 2021—For many pathologists, smartphones are an untapped resource. Although the screen is significantly smaller than a computer display, the device offers much of the same functionality to enhance the practice of pathology as its larger cousin but with the benefit of pocket portability.



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# [Put It on the Board](#)

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March 2021—As the U.S. fights COVID-19 and prepares for new threats, its leaders need to “motivate and support a laboratory-based testing model that enables broad and distributed production capacity,” say the authors of a “Perspective” published Jan. 21 in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (2021;384[3]:197-199).



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# [Roche to acquire GenMark Diagnostics](#)

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March 16, 2021—Roche and GenMark Diagnostics have entered into a definitive merger agreement for Roche to acquire GenMark for about \$1.8 billion on a fully diluted basis.



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## **FDA authorizes Cue Health's OTC COVID-19 test**

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March 15, 2021—Cue Health has received FDA emergency use authorization for over-the-counter sale of its COVID-19 test.



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## **Alinity m Resp-4-Plex molecular assay gets EUA**

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March 11, 2021—The FDA granted emergency use authorization for Abbott's Alinity m Resp-4-Plex molecular assay, which detects and differentiates SARS-CoV-2, influenza A and B, and respiratory syncytial virus in one test.

## [Qiagen, Inovio expand collaboration to develop NGS CDx](#)

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March 10, 2021—Qiagen and Inovio Pharmaceuticals announced an extension of their partnership with a new agreement to develop liquid-biopsy-based companion diagnostic products based on next-generation sequencing technology to complement Inovio’s therapies.

## [Bio-Techne to acquire Asuragen](#)

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March 9, 2021—Bio-Techne Corp. has reached an agreement to acquire Asuragen for an initial consideration of \$215 million in cash plus contingent consideration of up to \$105 million upon the achievement of certain future milestones.

## [New website streamlines lab product searches](#)

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The website ([greenarrowdx.com](https://greenarrowdx.com)) serves as a directory on steroids, listing instruments and reagents across categories: surgical pathology, clinical chemistry, microbiology, LIS/billing, blood bank, hematology, automation systems, and point of care. There's also a complete list of COVID-19 diagnostics that have received FDA emergency use authorization.



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## [Bio-Rad introduces Bio-Plex IgG SARS-CoV-2 serology assays](#)

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March 5, 2021—Bio-Rad Laboratories launched the Bio-Plex Pro Human IgG SARS-CoV-2 N/RBD/S1/S2 4-Plex Panel, a qualitative multiplex immunoassay kit that detects IgG antibodies against four SARS-CoV-2 antigens in less than three hours.



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# Qiagen launches QIAcube Connect MDx

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March 4, 2021—Qiagen announced the global launch of the CE-IVD-marked QIAcube Connect MDx, a flexible platform for automated sample processing available now to molecular diagnostic laboratories in the U.S., Canada, the European Union, and other markets worldwide.



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