

Siemens combo tests for SARS-CoV-2, flu, RSV

October 2022—Siemens Healthineers released its CE-marked FTD SARS-CoV-2/FluA/FluB/HRSV Assay and Clinitest Rapid COVID-19 plus Influenza Antigen Test.

The FTD SARS-CoV-2/FluA/FluB/HRSV PCR test runs on the Siemens Versant kPCR molecular system and combines the company's FTD SARS-CoV-2 and FTD Flu/HRSV assays. The new assay enables comprehensive and semiautomated molecular testing that detects and differentiates SARS-CoV-2, influenza A and B, and HRSV A/B.

The Clinitest Rapid COVID-19 plus Influenza A/B antigen test is a point-of-care test that provides results in 15 minutes using a single nasopharyngeal swab sample. Sensitivity and specificity for SARS-CoV-2 is 98.32 percent and 99.60 percent, respectively; 88.57 percent and 97.78 percent, respectively, for flu A; and 87.10 percent and 97.87 percent, respectively, for flu B.

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