Introducing the International Diagnostics Centre

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Accelerating Access to Diagnostics for Global Health

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The Vision of the IDC

“Without diagnostics, medicine is blind.”

Alain Mérieux

Our vision is a world where every person has access to the quality diagnostics they need to maximize their chances of a healthy life.

The IDC is bringing together stakeholders globally to achieve this vision.
Diagnostic testing is the gateway to care and treatment of priority diseases, but it has been undervalued in global health;

Recent advances in diagnostic development, including diagnostics for use at or near the point of patient care, have the potential to greatly improve: access to diagnostics, the quality of patient care and disease surveillance; and

There is a need to foster innovative research and development of diagnostics and to *accelerate* delivery of accessible, quality-assured IVDs to improve global health.
Efforts are Underway to Accelerate Diagnostic Delivery

Although, there are significant efforts underway to accelerate the development, evaluation, and implementation of diagnostics across global health,

• there is no single, easily-accessed repository of information about these efforts or about diagnostics for global health more generally; and

• There is a lack of impartial advocacy on diagnostics.

The IDC seeks to fill the information void by creating a focal point for the global diagnostics community and a global network for diagnostic stakeholders.
The IDC Mission

The mission of the IDC is to facilitate the development, evaluation and implementation of accessible, quality-assured *in-vitro* diagnostics (IVDs) for global health through *information sharing* and advocacy.

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The IDC website

A rich digital platform of information, toolkits and e-learning, including:

- Landscape of diagnostic technologies for CD4, HIV Viral Load, early infant diagnosis, HCV, STIs
- Generic protocols for evaluation of diagnostics
- Systematic reviews on diagnostic performance
- Regulatory approval mechanisms for countries in the developing world
- Toolkit for Introduction of rapid syphilis tests
- e-learning on how to review data on clinical performance studies
- Dashboard on country progress towards the Dual elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Syphilis

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Advocacy on issues of particular interest to those working in diagnostics for global health

• Advanced Course on Diagnostics for building capacity for critical decision making in the developing world
• Innovation Days to facilitate interaction between industry and policy makers
• Co-sponsored a meeting on Dried Blood Spots
• Regulatory Forum for Diagnostics to promote regulatory harmonization to streamline regulatory approval and reduce duplication in clinical performance studies
• Advocate for the value of diagnostics for the elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Syphilis and for the Global Health Security Agenda
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