

Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics celebrates immunoassay milestone

2000th ADVIA Centaur XP produced at Dublin site

Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics recently celebrated the production of its 2000th ADVIA[®] Centaur XP immunoassay system at the Swords manufacturing site in Dublin, Ireland.

ADVIA Centaur XP is designed to improve productivity in immunodiagnostic testing. It combines intelligence and technology, offering high throughput testing with up to 240 tests per hour to keep pace with peak workload times. It also features an intuitive design with a high-resolution touch screen for ease of operation. Its comprehensive menu covers screening, diagnosis, risk assessment and monitoring with 30 onboard reagents for maximum test capacity.

“The success of ADVIA Centaur XP is testament to its flexibility and efficiency,” said Alison Edgington, Immunoassay Marketing Manager at Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics. “Throughout the UK, laboratories are successfully running the system on or off our high throughput ADVIA[®] automation systems to deliver predictable sample turnaround times in routine and specialised testing. Our ongoing investment in both instrument design and continued assay releases places the ADVIA Centaur XP firmly in the minds of laboratories meeting the workload challenges of UK pathology in the 21st century.”

Launched in 2006, the Centaur XP continues to build on the success of its predecessor, the ADVIA[®] Centaur. Today there are more than 5000 Centaur XPs and Centaurs installed.

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