

Healthcare Sector Diagnostics Division

Siemens Receives FDA Approval for Hepatitis B Tests on ADVIA Centaur CP System

Mid-volume immunoassay system now features full hepatitis A, B and C test menu, including acute hepatitis panel

Malvern, Pa., December 17, 2009 — Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics now offers a comprehensive panel of FDA-approved hepatitis A, B and C assays—including the acute hepatitis test panel—on the ADVIA Centaur[®] CP immunoassay system following recent FDA approval of HBc Total and HBc IgM assays for use on the ADVIA Centaur CP System in the United States.

Siemens FDA-approved complete hepatitis panel includes a full range of tests for hepatitis A (HAV IgM, HAV Total), hepatitis B (HBsAg, HBsAg confirmatory, anti-HBs, HBc Total and HBc IgM) and hepatitis C (anti-HCV*).

“Completing the full hepatitis panel with the acute hepatitis testing capabilities on the ADVIA Centaur CP System delivers on our commitment to offer mid-volume laboratories a comprehensive range of testing for key disease states, including infectious disease,” said David Hickey, Executive Vice President Central Laboratory and Global Product Development, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics.

The ADVIA Centaur CP immunoassay system, part of the Siemens family of automated clinical laboratory solutions, is a compact, bench top, fully automated analytical system which enables hospital and reference laboratories to rapidly perform a wide variety of disease-specific tests on a single instrument.

Additionally, it uses the same proven assay methodologies and reagent packs as the ADVIA Centaur XP immunoassay system. The ADVIA Centaur CP system also works with the ADVIA CentraLink[®] networking and data management solution to deliver complete connectivity to

Siemens clinical laboratory systems enabling mid-volume laboratories to offer a complete testing menu.

* The ADVIA Centaur anti-HCV assay is developed, manufactured and sold for Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics Inc.

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