

## **SIEMENS HEALTHCARE DIAGNOSTICS LAUNCHES B12, FOLATE, AND FERRITIN TESTS ON ITS DIMENSION VISTA INTELLIGENT LAB SYSTEM**

*Anemia test menu expanded through use of advanced LOCI<sup>®</sup> chemiluminescence technology*

**Deerfield, IL, January 16, 2008** — Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, today announced that it has launched the LOCI<sup>®</sup> Folate, LOCI<sup>®</sup> B12, and LOCI<sup>®</sup> Ferritin tests for use on the Dimension Vista<sup>®</sup> 1500 Intelligent Lab System, an ultra-integrated chemistry analyzer. These tests are used by physicians to diagnose and monitor anemia in patients, and further expand Siemens' LOCI immunoassay test menu for the Dimension Vista System.

Anemia is generally defined as a decreased amount of healthy red blood cells in the circulation or an abnormally low concentration of hemoglobin, which is necessary to carry oxygen throughout the body. Vitamin B12 deficiency anemia, folic acid deficiency anemia, and iron deficiency anemia are among the most commonly diagnosed anemias.

"Anemia is estimated to affect up to 30 percent of the world's population," said Jim Reid-Anderson, President, and CEO, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics. "Early diagnosis and effective treatment of anemia can make a strong contribution to improving patient outcomes and enhancing the quality of life. With the addition of B12, Folate, and Ferritin to the Dimension Vista Intelligent Lab System test menu, we can further support physicians in advancing the successful treatment of the most common forms of anemia."

Through the use of the LOCI Advanced Chemiluminescence Technology, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics provides clinical laboratories greater levels of testing sensitivity for immunoassay testing and a broad test menu capability on the Dimension Vista Intelligent Lab system. This ultra-integrated chemistry analyzer now offers one of the most comprehensive menus for the detection and differentiation of anemia and iron

metabolism, including Folate, B12, and Ferritin by LOCI technology; Iron and Total Iron Binding Capacity by photometric methodology; and Haptoglobin, Soluble Transferrin Receptor, and Transferrin testing by nephelometric methodology. The Dimension Vista Intelligent Lab system menu offers panels for anemia, cardiac disease, thyroid disorders, therapeutic drug monitoring, protein testing, drugs-of-abuse testing, and routine and specialty chemistry testing.

### **About Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics**

Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics is the leading clinical diagnostics company in the world. The company offers health care providers the broadest range of diagnostic products and services that are used for diagnosing medical conditions, monitoring patient therapy and providing quality health care. Siemens' comprehensive portfolio of solutions and highly responsive service are designed to improve clinical outcomes, streamline workflow and enhance the operational efficiency of clinical laboratories around the world. Visit [www.siemens.com/diagnostics](http://www.siemens.com/diagnostics).

### **About Siemens Medical Solutions**

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