

## Healthcare

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### **Reliable detection of heart disease and allergies: The synlab medical laboratory in Nuremberg is the 5000th customer to purchase the Immulite 2000 Analyzer from Siemens**

**synlab Nuremberg has put the five thousandth Immulite 2000 Analyzer sold by Siemens worldwide into operation. Franconia's largest laboratory center serves some 1,000 physicians and nine clinics in the region. synlab will primarily use the Immulite 2000 Diagnostic System to test blood and serum samples for heart disease and allergies.**

"With the Immulite 2000 from Siemens, we now have one of the most efficient immunoassay analyzers currently on the market", said Alexander Hoffmann, CEO of MVZ synlab Nuremberg. "What I especially appreciate about this device is its outstanding sensitivity and the fact that all process steps from pipetting, incubation, reading the sample and evaluation are fully automated. The personnel capacity required to process samples is thus lower than before."

"We are pleased that we were able to extend our cooperation with synlab. We are convinced that, with their wide spectrum of parameters, our immunoassay systems will make an important contribution to improving health", said Stefan Wolf, Regional Vice President EMEA I und General Manager of Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics in Germany. "Believe it or not, 70 percent of all clinical decisions made by physicians are based on the results of in vitro examinations, however, only two percent of all health-related expenditures are invested in

this area. That clearly underscores the benefits that laboratory diagnostics yield for healthcare!" Siemens is the global market leader in immunoassay systems.

Siemens analytical systems contribute to the improvement of healthcare throughout the world and help to detect diseases in an early stage as well as to monitor the course of diseases. The Immulite 2000 is an analytical system for medical diagnostic laboratories that can be used to perform automated tests. This device is one of the most versatile immunoassay systems available on the international laboratory diagnostics market. For example, it can be used to test 450 different allergens. One of its special features is an innovative patient test for diagnosing sepsis and cardiological diseases. This device has been on the market since 1998, and is now in operation in almost 200 countries worldwide.

A picture can be found at <http://www.siemens.com/med-picture/Immulite2000>

**synlab Nuremberg** offers the entire spectrum of modern laboratory medicine to the physicians of Central Franconia. The focus is on STD diagnostics and gynecological endocrinology. Sample pick-up and report transfer services tailored to the needs of customer practices are understood as the basis for synlab laboratory services. Support of the Central Franconian regional company is provided at Fuerther Strasse 212; some 80 qualified medical employees are employed at Rohrmanstr. 12.

For more information, go to: [www.synlab.de](http://www.synlab.de)

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