

# Introducing the International Diagnostics Centre



***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.**

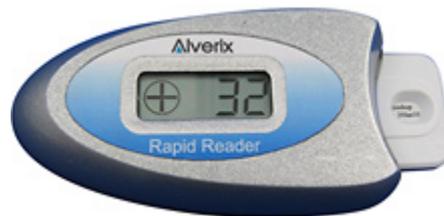
**The IDC is bringing together stakeholders globally to achieve this vision.**

# The IDC was formed on the basis of a shared understanding:

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 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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