

### Virtual Meeting "Engagement with External Stakeholders"

December 1, 2020

Welcome Message

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

TIME	AGENDA – Part I (Aprox. duration: 2 hrs., 10min.)						
9:00 – 9:05	Virtual Meeting Opening: Housekeeping message Andrew Blasi, Technical Secretariat						
9:05 – 9:10	<b>Welcome Message</b> Sandra Ligia González, Executive Secretary						
	<b>COVID-19 – Impact, response, recovery (40 min.)</b> Moderator: Sandra Ligia González – IACRC						
9:10 – 9:50	Rosanna Peeling - London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (15 min.) Q&A (5 min.)						
	Katherine M. Serrano – Regional Director – FDA LATAM OFFICE (15 min.) Q&A (5 min)						
	Lessons learned from COVID -19 (40 min.)						
	Moderator: Sandra Ligia González – IACRC						
	Adriana Velázquez, Group Lead Medical Devices and In Vitro Diagnostics, MDD,						
9:50 - 10:30	WHO (10 min.)						
	Alexandre Lemaruber, Regional Advisor, Health Technologies – PAHO (10 min.)						
	<i>Carlos Gouvêa – Executive President CBDL and ALADDIV</i> (10 min.) Q&A (10 min.)						
	The Role of the WTO TBT Agreement & GRPs in support of Medical Device						
	Regulatory Convergence (30 min.)						
	Moderator: Renata Amaral – IACRC						
	Juliana Ghizzi Pires, General Coordinator of Regulatory Convergence and Barriers to						
10:30 - 11:00	Exports, Special Secretary for Foreign Trade and International Affairs Ministry of Economy, Brazil (10 min.)						
	Jennifer Stradtman, Director, Technical Barriers to Trade, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (10 min.)						
	Q&A (10 min.)						
	Closing Remarks						
11:00 - 11:10	Sandra Ligia González - IACRC						

# COVID-19 – Impact, response, recovery



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### Rosanna Peeling Professor and Chair of Diagnostic Research London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine



## **COVID-19: Impact, Response and Recovery**

Rosanna W Peeling Professor and Chair, Diagnostic Research Director, International Diagnostics Centre



www.idx-dx.org



# COVID-19 Pandemic: Test, Test, Test



The Director-General of the World Health Organization urged countries to "test, test, test". He says testing, isolation, and contact tracing should be the backbone of the global pandemic response.



### **COVID-19 Pandemic: Impact**

- Recognition of diagnostics as critical tools in the pandemic response
- COVID exposed fault-lines and inequities in health care systems
- Fragmentation between public health and political decisions to save the economy led to confusion about how to fight the pandemic
- > A parallel pandemic of mis-information through social media



### **COVID-19 Pandemic: Response**

- Sharing of genomic sequence data and open access to all COVID publications
- Unprecedented response from the diagnostic Industry with >850 tests commercialised and more in the pipeline, despite late development of Target Product Profiles
- Global competition for molecular test kits, reagents and supplies
   Countries had to innovate on use of diagnostic tests

# The right test for the right patient at the right time in the right setting



Diagnostic Tests	Target	Optimal time for use post onset symptoms	Use Case
Molecular: Lab POC	Viral RNA	day 0-7	confirm infection
Antigens: Lab POC	Viral Proteins	day 0-10	confirm infection
Serology: Lab POC	Host Antibodies	day 7-40	exposure, surveillance

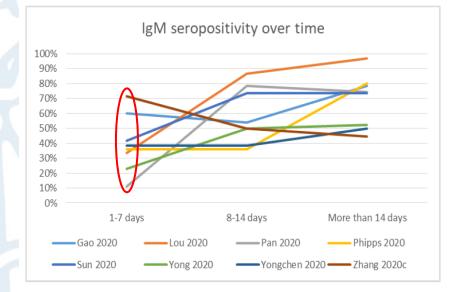




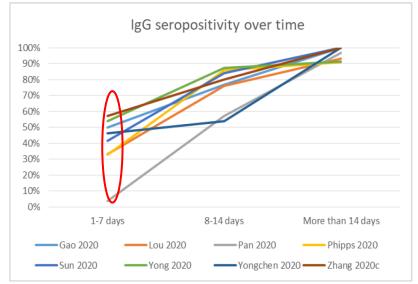


# IgM and IgG Responses in Symptomatic COVID-19 Patients





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Source: Health Information and Quality Authority, Ireland, 2020

# Use of Tests in Combination: RNA/Antigen + Serology Tests



- Patients typically present late as symptoms for a variety of reasons
- A combination of molecular/antigen + serology tests may be useful for delayed case finding and contact tracing

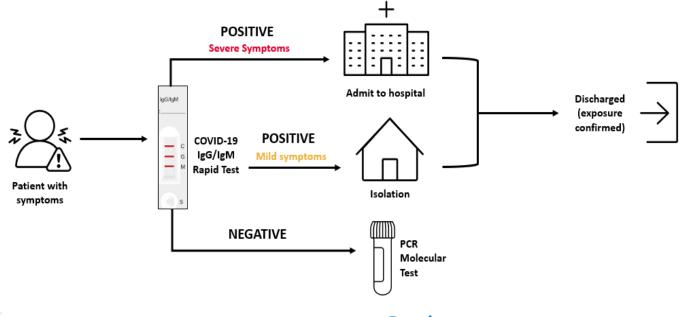
Days post onset of symptoms	# patients	RNA+ (%)	AB+ (%)	RNA +Ab (%)
1-7	94	66.7	38.3	78.7
8-14	135	54.0	89.6	97.0
15-39	90	45.5	100	100

Zhao et al. Antibody responses to SARS-CoV-2 in patients of novel corona virus disease. CID 2020

## Rapid Triage of Suspect Cases in Peru using Serology + Molecular Tests



- Population: 32 million; 500 ICU beds; backlog of molecular testing due to limited number of testing facilities;
- A MOH hotline and website allow those who have symptoms to call/connect



(http://elbuho.pe/2020/04/coronavirus-peru-ultimas-noticias-y-casos/)

#### **Results:**

- 1. Rapid community triage of symptomatic individuals
- 2. Relieve backlog and waiting time for molecular testing
- 3. Prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed

# **Rapid Antigen Tests for COVID-19**

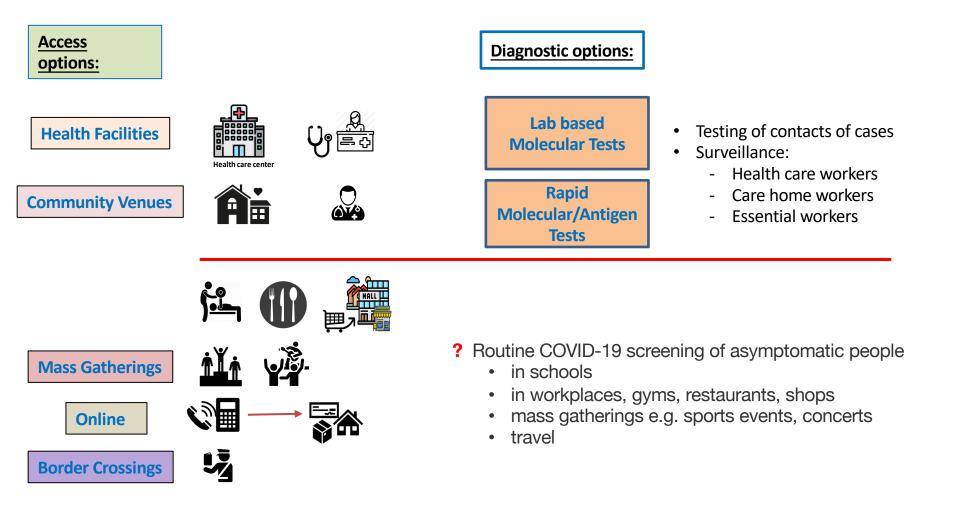


Company	Test	Specimens; time	Result	Sens/Spec	Comment	
		of collection*		(%)		
Abbott, USA	BinaxNOW	NS; 0-7 days	Visual, 15 min	97/99	App for -ve	Engong Ag
					results; Flu A+B	THO PAG
	PanBIO	NS, NP	Visual, 15-20min	93/99		
BD, USA	Veritor	NS	Instrument,	84/100	Flu A+B, RSV	
			30 min			
Lumira, UK	LumiraDx	NS; 0-12 days	Instrument	98/97		
			12 min			Le la
Quidel, USA	Sofia Antigen FIA	NS, NP;	Instrument,	97/100	Does not	
	with and	0-5 days	20 min		differentiate	
	without Flu test				between SARS-	e = 0 8
					CoV and SC2	
SD BioSensor	Standard Q	NS	Visual, 15 min			

NS = nasal swab; NP = nasopharyngeal swab; \*days after onset of symptoms

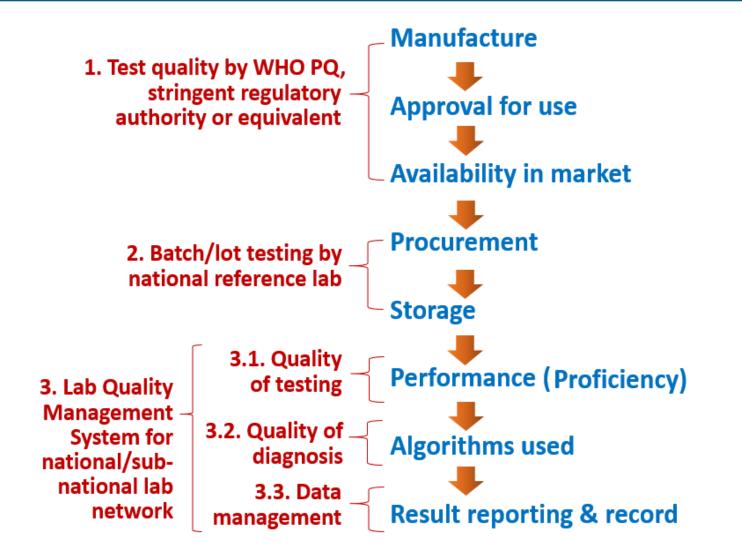
WHO Target Product Profile: performance thresholds for antigen Tests: <u>>80%</u> sensitivity and <u>>97%</u> specificity

# Scaling up Testing in the COVID-19 Response



# The Quality Continuum





WHO Laboratory evaluation and assessment Guidance, checklists and tools Aug 2020

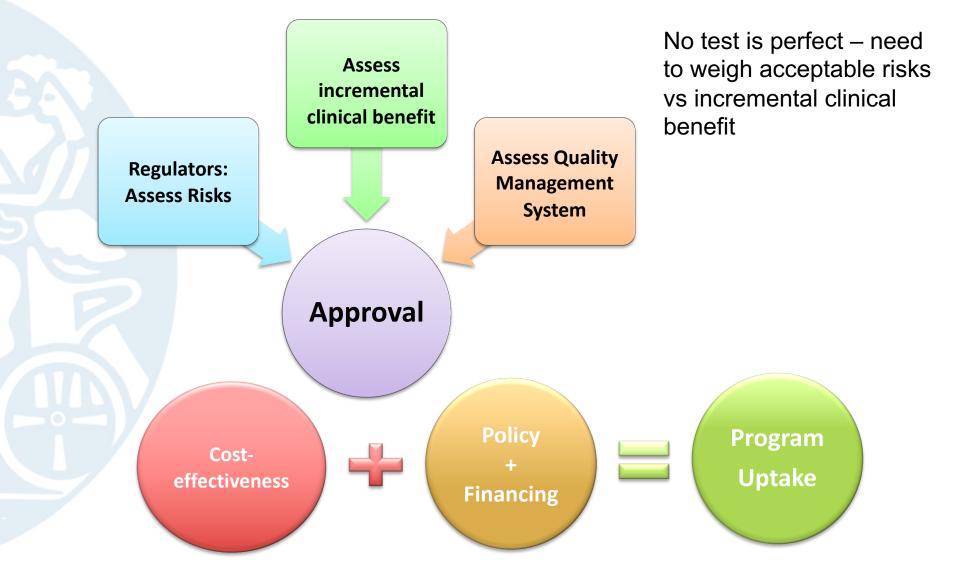


The most urgent needs for global public health today are for quality-assured medical devices to address epidemic preparedness and AMR:

- <u>Regulatory standardization</u>: adoption existing standards and not reinvent the wheel
- <u>Harmonization/convergence</u>: GHTF, IMDRF
- Joint review of risk and benefit: Accelerating
   Diagnostic Access Project
- **Data sharing: avoid duplication and delays**

Joint Review of Performance data to Accelerate Regulatory Approval and Policy development and Program Uptake



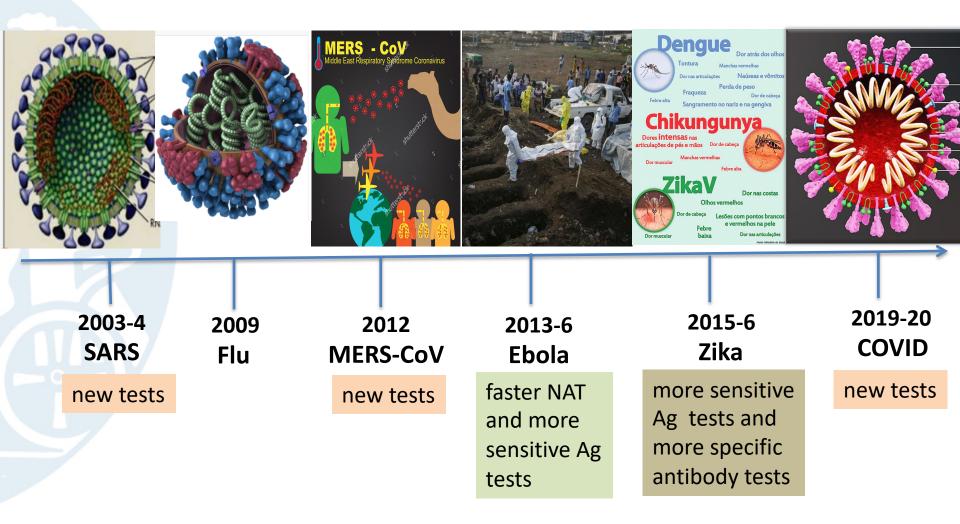




## **COVID-19 Pandemic: Recovery**

## **Global Health Emergencies:** Viral epidemics - more frequent and severe







### **COVID-19 Pandemic: Recovery**

- No one is safe until everyone is safe: Greater global cooperation, including regulatory aspects
- More resilient health systems that provide people-centred and inclusive services
  - Digitalization Need for guidance on data governance, access and sharing



## Faster, Better, Safer, Cheaper Regulation of Health Products





**Rosanna Peeling,** Professor, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

**Trevor Mundel,** President of **Michael Watson**, VP of the Global Health at the Bill & Global Immunization Policy Melinda Gates Foundation at Sanofi Pasteur

Rhona Applebaum, VP and Chief Scientific & Regulatory Officer, Coca-Cola Company

The purpose of this panel is to examine the relationship between regulation and innovation, and explore ways in which regulation can be utilized to <u>stimulate innovation</u>, avoid regulatory bottlenecks, inefficiencies, and inconsistency to reduce costs and to accelerate access. Regulators should add value and be a part of the quality system, not an audit system, which comes after the fact and tries to establish guilt.

Trevor Mundel, President, Global Health, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

# Thank you

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Katherine M. Serrano Regional Director USFDA LATAM Office Inter-American Coalition for Regulatory Convergence MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SECTOR



# Lessons learned from COVID-19



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Alexandre Lemgruber Regional Advisor, Health Technologies PAHO

# A Regional approach on Medical Device Regulation

Alexandre Lemgruber

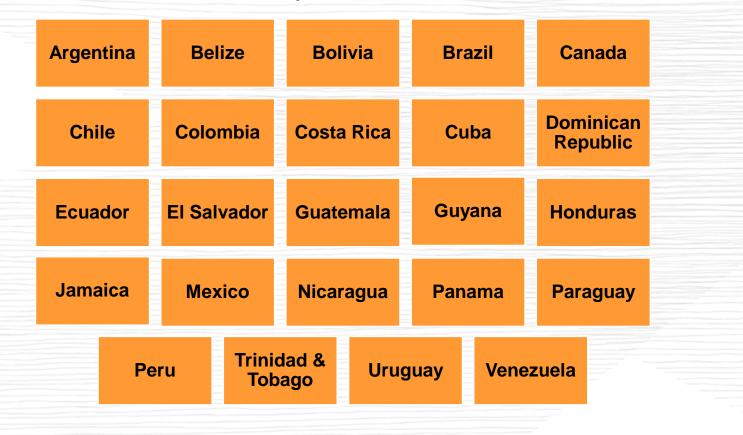
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World Health Organization

## **Regional Working Group on Medical Devices Regulation**

- Established in 2012
- 24 countries are currently members







## **Activities of the Regional Working Group**

<ul> <li>Annual Face to Face Meetings</li> <li>Open Session with stakeholders</li> <li>Virtual Meetings</li> </ul>	Regional Meetings	
	Training	<ul> <li>Annual virtual courses in collaboration with CECMED and INVIMA</li> <li>Face to face workshops on defined priority topics</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Regional Meetings in conjunction with the IMDRF Meetings</li> <li>Participation in the Working Groups</li> <li>Mirror Working Groups</li> <li>Translation of technical documents</li> </ul>	Collaboration with IMDRF	
	Technical Groups	<ul> <li>Reuse and reprocessing of Medical Devices</li> <li>National Implant Registry</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Development of Basic Indicators</li> <li>Advanced Indicators pilot</li> <li>Participation in the Global Benchmarking Tool + Medical Devices</li> </ul>	Medical Device Indicators	
	Community of Practices	<ul> <li>Regulation of Medical Devices</li> <li>REDMA Program</li> </ul>



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### **Regional Meetings** Open sessions of the Regional Working Group with stakeholders

<b>I Open Session</b> 21 October 2016 – Mexico City	<b>II Open Session</b> 21 September 2017 - Ottawa, Canada	<b>III Open Session</b> 23 October 2018 – Santa Tecla, El Salvador	<b>IV Open Session</b> 5 September 2019 – Bogota, Colombia
<ul> <li>Activities of the Regional Working Group</li> <li>Medical Devices Postmarket surveillance</li> <li>Software as Medical Device</li> <li>Reuse and reprocessing of Medical Devices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Medical Devices use in public health programs</li> <li>Regulation of Medical Devices in the Americas (regulators and manufacturers perspective)</li> <li>Use of standards for regulatory purposes</li> <li>Standards Alliance Survey</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Challenges of the Regulation of Medical Devices in the Americas (regulators and manufacturers perspective)</li> <li>Medical Devices Postmarket Surveillance in the USA</li> <li>Medical Devices Regulatory framework in Europe</li> <li>Experiences on Medical Devices Regulatory framework in the Region</li> <li>Cibersecurity</li> <li>Results of the Standards Alliance Survey</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Perspectives of the Medical Device Single Audit Program (MDSAP)</li> <li>Medical Devices Nomenclature</li> <li>Cibersecurity</li> <li>Regulation of Personalized Medical Devices</li> <li>Improving the quality of international medical device standards for regulatory use</li> <li>Findings of the Standards Alliance Project</li> </ul>



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### **Training activities**

### FACE-TO-FACE

#### 58 delegates from 31 countries

### ONLINE

413 delegates from around 32 countries

Courses available in Spanish & English

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PAHO (S) Pan American Health Organization

"Medical Devices in Latin America" Seminar

July 2019 - Montevideo

Post Marketing Surveillance of Medical Devices

> September 2019 -Bogota

Medical Devices Regulation, emphasis on Post market Surveillance

June - October, 2019

Regional Virtual Course on the REDMA Program

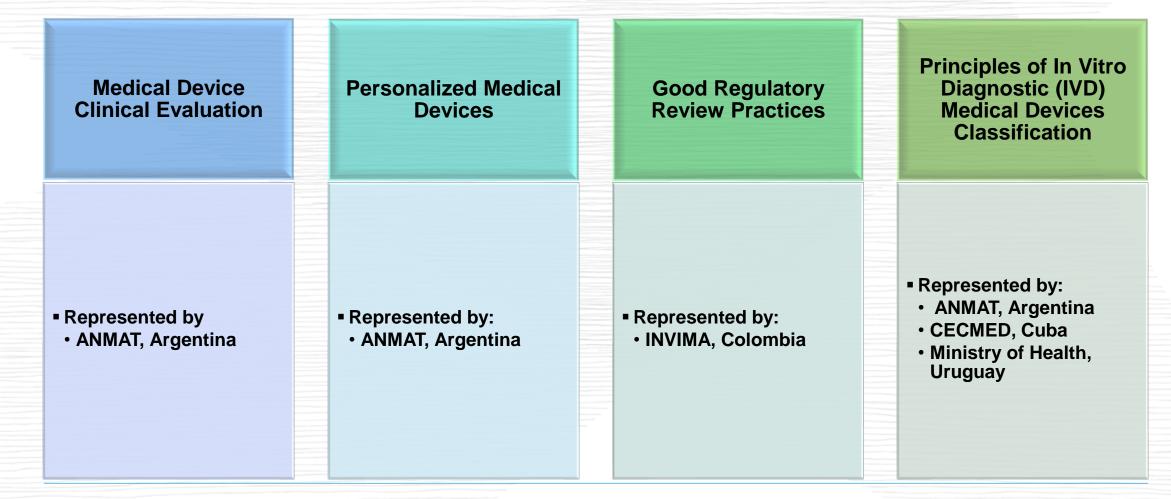
January, 2020

#### Virtual Module on Technovigilance

November, 2020

**Collaboration with the IMDRF** 

### **Participation in the IMDRF Working Groups**

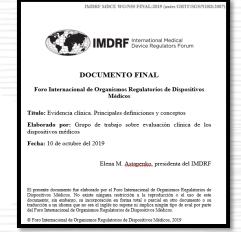




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## **Collaboration with IMDRF**

### **Translation of documents**



IMDRF/PMD WG/N49 FINAL:2018 | Definitions for Personalized Medical Devices

**Spanish** 

- 2. IMDRF/Standards WG/N51 FINAL:2018 | Optimizing Standards for Regulatory Use
- 3. IMDRF MDCE WG/N55 FINAL:2019 | Clinical Evidence Key definitions and concepts

### **Spanish & Portuguese**

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- 4. IMDRF/GRRP WG/N40 FINAL:2017 | Competence, Training, and Conduct Requirements for Regulatory Reviewers
- 5. IMDRF/GRRP WG/N47 FINAL:2018 | Essential Principles of Safety and Performance of Medical Devices and IVD Medical Devices
- 6. IMDRF/GRRP WG/N52 FINAL:2019 | *Principles of Labelling for Medical Devices and IVD Medical Devices*





### **IMDRF Mirror Working Groups**





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### **Activities related to Medical Devices in the context of COVID-19**

Technical support

- Dissemination of information (alerts, regulatory updates, publication of technical guidelines)
- Coordination of webinars and virtual meetings to share experiences and promote cooperation among countries of the Region
- Working group on ventilators in the context of COVID-19

- Quality assurance of medical devices purchased through PAHO
- Technical support in the evaluation of medical devices as part of local procurement
- Training sessions on the evaluation and operation of medical equipment purchased through PAHO
  - □ 3 training sessions on quality assurance of medical equipment
  - 2 training sessions on the operation of oxygen concentrators





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### Reliance for Emergency Use Authorization of Medicines and Other Health Technologies in a Pandemic (e.g. COVID-19)

#### PAHO Pan American Health Organization

Reliance for Emergency Use Authorization of Medicines and Other Health Technologies in a Pandemic (e.g. COVID-19)

#### **Purpose and Context**

This document provides guidance to national regulatory authorities (NRAs) and regulatory systems on practical ways to implement reliance for emergency use of medicines and other health technologies in and around a pandemic.<sup>1</sup> Note that countries use different terminologies for emergency use and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) will use the term "Emergency Use Authorization" (EUA). For the purposes of this document, medicines and other health technologies are defined to include pharmaceuticals, vaccines, and in Vitro Diagnostics (IVDs).

Countries are encouraged to develop plans for regulatory preparedness and response in a pandemic including related to EUA of medicines and health technologies. This will afford an orderly and legal process to expedite the incorporation of these products into health systems. According to WHO guidance<sup>(I)</sup>, country regulatory frameworks should include laws and/or policies that permit EUA for medicines and other health technologies, a pandemic preparedness plan that acknowledges EUA, technical procedures that use reliance and recognition on trusted/reference authorities for the EUA, and a system to monitor EUA products in the market. This document focuses on technical procedures for reliance to issue an EUA.

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The document focuses on technical procedures for reliance to issue an EUA for pharmaceuticals, vaccines and **IVDs**.

https://iris.paho.org/bitstream/handle/10665.2/52027/PAHOHSSMTCOVID 19200006\_eng.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

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# Publications on Medical Devices in the context of COVID-19

List of Priority Medical Devices in the context of COVID-19 13 August 2020

https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/52580

Technical and Regulatory Aspects of the Use of Pulse Oximeters in Monitoring COVID-19 Patients 7 August 2020

https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/52589

Post-authorization Surveillance of Medical Products during a Pandemic Emergency 21 July 2020

https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/52578

Technical and Regulatory Aspects of the Extended Use, Reuse, and Reprocessing of Respirators during Shortages

10 June 2020

https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/52431

**Regulation of Medical Devices in the Context of COVID-19** 

14 May 2020

https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/52489



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Carlos Gouvêa Executive President CBDL and ALADDIV



### Access, Quality and Mass Testing:

### **Lessons learned from COVID-19**

Carlos Gouvêa

Inter American Coalition for Regulatory Convergence – Dec 1st 2020

















### www.aladdiv.org.br



## How it all started...



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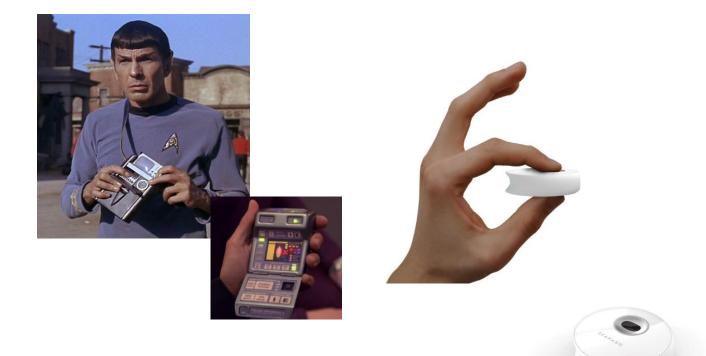
### International Workshops

### "Accessible and Quality Assured *in Vitro* Diagnostic Tests for Public Health Programs"

Brasília, April 2012 (PAHO) Brasília, November 2012 (ANVISA) Curitiba, October / November 2013 (TECPAR) Brasília, November 2014 (ParlaMundi/LBV) Peru, May 2015 (Universidad Cayetano Heredia) Florianópolis, Sept 2016 (IMDRF) Ottawa, Oct 2017 (PAHO/IMDRF) São Paulo, April 2018 (Fleury) Brasília, Dec 2018 (ANVISA) Brasília, Sept 2019 (ANVISA) Zoom/YouTube, Aug 2020 (WHO/LSHTM)



## Science Fiction or Reality?



Source: Gabriela Tannus/AxiaBio





### Explosion in near-patient molecular platforms





KH Medical



100 Curetis

Rheonix

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Gentura

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Atlas Genetics Molbio













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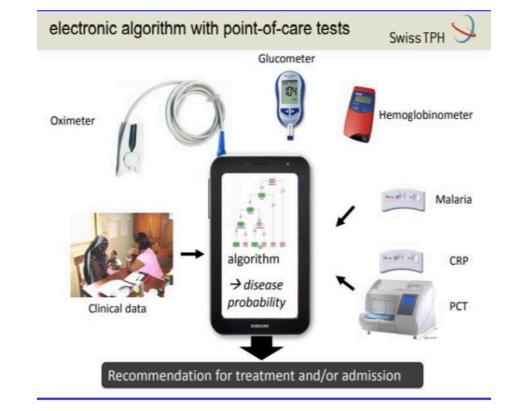
### Different test formats that are adequate to every need, from the Central Lab to the most remote places



Source: Alere



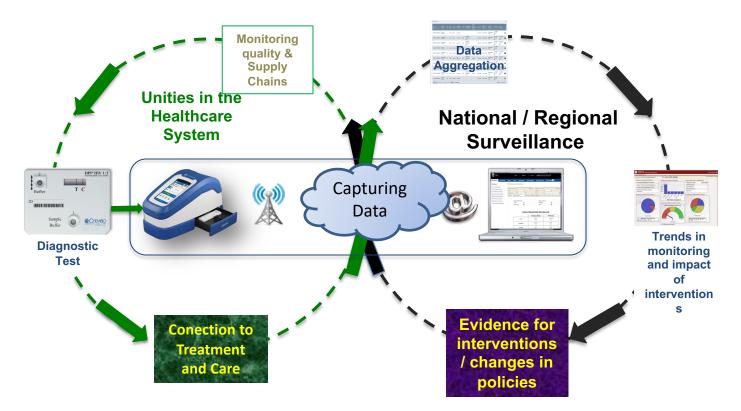
## Integrating solutions



Source: Rosanna Peeling



### Readers: Conecting Results of PoCT to Surveillance



Source: Rosanna Peeling

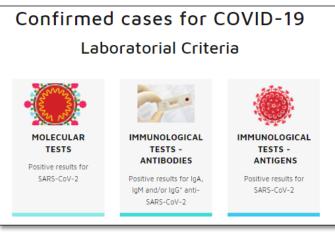
## Brazil



## Diagnostic



- Clinical Diagnostic
- Laboratory Diagnostic



• Diagnostic Imaging



- Molecular Tests
  - 6,5 MM RT-qPCR tests
    - 27 Central Labs
    - 3 National Influenza Centers and collaborative Labs
  - 2,5 MM swabs distributed
    - For the 27 states
  - 1,8 MM collection tubes
    - For the 27 states

### Benchmark from HIV, Hepatites and Syphilis

 Expertise, personnel, consummables and infrastructure were essential for the fast implementation of the SARS-CoV-2 molecular testing in the public services.



Distance Learning platform used for HIV, HV and Syphilis were used for the content production of educational material for COVID-19



#### Epidemiology and Infection

#### cambridge.org/hyg

#### From the Field

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## Increasing molecular diagnostic capacity and COVID-19 incidence in Brazil

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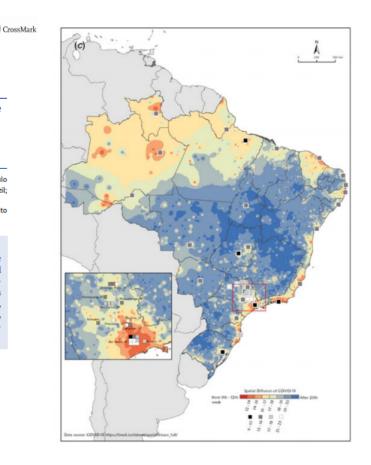
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#### Abstract

Different countries have adopted strategies for the early detection of SARS-CoV-2 since the declaration of community transmission by the World Health Organization (WHO) and timely diagnosis has been considered one of the major obstacles for surveillance and health-care. Here, we report the increase of the number of laboratories to COVID-19 diagnosis in Brazil. Our results demonstrate an increase and decentralisation of certified laboratories, which does not match the much higher increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. Also, it becomes clear that laboratories are irregularly distributed over the country, with a concentration in the most developed state, São Paulo.



https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/article/increasing-molecular-diagnostic-capacity-and-covid19-incidence-in-brazil/D5FB1AC8785D28ABD4B01E023DDD421F



## Strategy



The Strategy Pillars for CBDL to contribute significantly is based on cooperation among members and different stakeholders for making COVID tests available in order to effectively diagnose patients and orientate the best possible treatment





- Development of New Products
  - RT PCR
  - Rapid Tests Antigen and Antibody (ex: immunochromatographic tests)
  - POCT Point of Care Testing
  - ELISA, CLIA, Fluorescense, etc.
- ANVISA
  - GMPC Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate
  - Product Registration (Risk Class III) = 385 Registrations (Sept/20) (\*)
  - Imports
- Resource Mapping

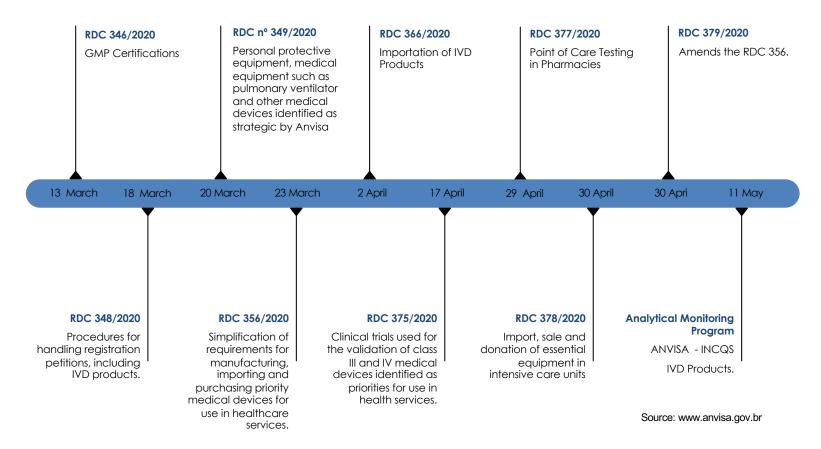


Access



## **ANVISA ACTIONS**

#### EXTRAORDINARY AND TEMPORARY PROCEDURES



## RELIANCE



"A regulatory authority may take into account and give significant weight to (i.e. rely upon) assessments performed by another regulatory authority or other trusted institution in reaching its own decision". WHO Global Model Regulatory Framework for Medical Devices including in vitro diagnostic medical devices

### Example:

RDC nº 379/2020

"The import and purchase of protective equipment is allowed ventilators, circuits, connections and respiratory valves, monitors parametric and other medical devices, essential for combating COVID-19, new and not regulated by Anvisa, as long as they are regulated and marketed in jurisdiction member of the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF), by bodies and public and private entities, as well as health services, when not available for the trade similar devices regularized at Anvisa.

**IMDRF Members:** 

- Australia
- •Brazil
- •Canada
- China
- •Europe

- •Japan
- Russia
- •Singapore
- •South Korea, and
- •the United States of America.





- New products of new suppliers
  - Concern on quality and performance
  - How to deal with so many factors?
- Solution:

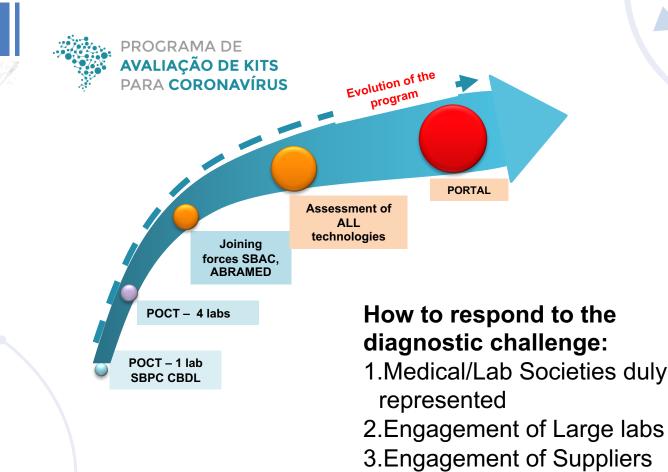
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• Consortium with 13 labs (public/private)

## Program of Assessment of Kits for Coronavirus



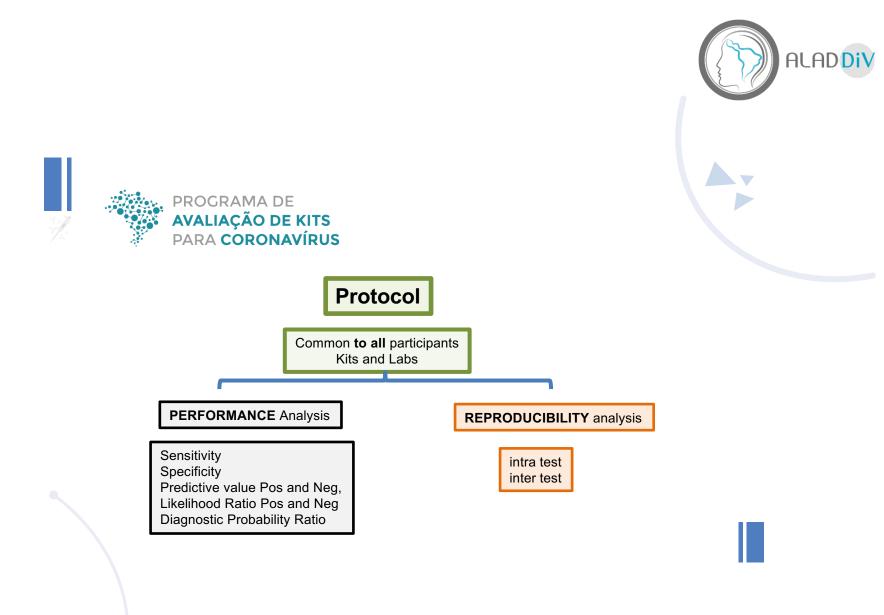


4.Scientific knowledge



### https://testecovid19.org

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Source: Alvaro Pulchinelli



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#### INICIATIVA

Entidades do setor laboratorial unidas no programa de avaliação dos kits diagnóstico para Covid-19



#### https://www.aladdiv.org.br

- 13 labs
  - Private and Public
- 44 suppliers
- More than 52 kits evaluated
- Over 15,000 samples analyzed



Source: Alvaro Pulchinelli



## Series of Actions

- International Cooperation
  - LSHTM London School of Hygiene &

**Tropical Medicine** 

- EU / FIND + WHO
- Evaluation of kits available
- Cooperate with International Publications
- Local Cooperation
  - SBPC, ABRAMED and SBAC + ANVISA and MoH
  - Evaluation of kits available in the market
    - Product Reference Lists Performance
      - Public data
      - Common Protocols
      - Top Laboratories with Access to Hospital Samples



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2SJMa7vVq8



## Mass Testing

• Pandemic

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- Need to have a clear picture of current situation in order to mitigate the risks
- Public Health issue
  - Ministry of Health (MoH) role
    - Expectation of acquisition of over 46 million tests
      - » RT-PCR
      - » Rapid Tests(Ab)
  - UFPel EpiCOVID19
    - » <u>http://www.epicovid19brasil.org/</u>



## Mass Testing

- Pandemic
  - Hospitals ( > 6,000)
  - Laboratories (> 18,000)
- How to take the next step?
  - Pharmacies / Drugstores (>88,000)
    - RDC 377/20
  - Companies
    - If served by Clinical Analysis Lab
      - (RDC 302/05)
- Goals:
  - Epidemiological Study
  - Information about the individual status
  - Support for the return to work



Mapa de Resultados - Edição No. 24 – 26 novembro 2020







## CONCLUSION

## **Summary**







- Diagnostics are part of the solution!
- Never forget: we always need the **right test to be used on the right patient in the right place at the right time!**
- **Combination of molecular/antigen + serology tests** improves case detection
- Serology tests = important to know the extent of the pandemic, map its distributions, identify hotspots and at risk populations, monitor trends
- Diagnostics will be the best tool for developing public health policy
- Despite the great achievements in such a short time, we still have a lot to learn in order to be prepared for the next pandemic BUT

## **RELIANCE & COOPERATION ARE THE KEY!**





### The future is in our hands...





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# Closing Remarks