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CompuNet Clinical Laboratories Adds Cervista™ HPV HR: Advanced High-Risk Human Papillomavirus Screening

New test an important tool in assessment of cervical cancer risk

Dayton, OH – February 18, 2010-- — CompuNet Clinical Laboratories today announced it now offers the Cervista™ HPV HR test to screen for the presence of high-risk types of the human papillomavirus, which is strongly associated with the development of cervical cancer. Cervista HPV HR, approved by the FDA in March 2009, is the first new screening test for high-risk HPV in more than a decade. It provides more reliable test results along with important laboratory efficiencies.

According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately 11,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and about 4,000 die of the disease. Cervical cancer is highly treatable in most cases if detected early.

The Cervista HPV HR test is used in combination with Pap testing, sharing the same cervical specimen. Cervista HPV HR detects the presence of 14 high-risk HPV types. Studies have noted that women with high-risk HPV infections are at greater risk of developing cervical cancer and its precursor conditions in the future.

The Cervista HPV HR test is intended for reflex use with ASC-US (inconclusive) Pap results and for co-testing with the Pap test in women ages 30 and over. Cervista HPV HR improves the reliability of high-risk HPV screening through use of a unique internal control, which reduces the potential of false negative results. Additionally, Cervista HPV HR limits false positive results that can occur when a low-risk HPV type is mistaken for a high-risk type. By minimizing inaccurate results, Cervista HPV HR improves patient care management decisions, while also increasing laboratory efficiency.

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