

Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics: RADx Tech/ATP

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RADx Tech & ATP

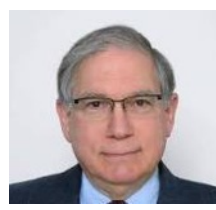
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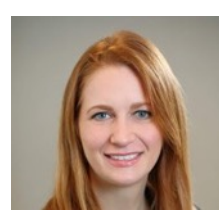
Francis Collins



Rachael Fleurance



Larry Tabak



Tara Schwetz

**April 24, 2020: \$1.5B to NIH
\$500 Million to NIBIB**

April 29

RADx Tech – \$500M

Highly competitive, rapid three-phase challenge to identify the best of new at-home or point-of-care tests for COVID-19

RADx Advanced Technology Platforms (RADx-ATP) – \$230M

Rapid scale-up of advanced technologies to increase rapidity and enhance and validate throughput – create ultra-high throughput machines and facilities

RADx Radical (RADx-Rad) – \$200M

Develop and advance novel, non-traditional approaches or new applications of existing approaches for testing

RADx Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) – \$500M

Interlinked community-based demonstration projects focused on implementation strategies to enable and enhance testing of COVID-19 in vulnerable populations



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Biomedical Imaging and
Bioengineering (NIBIB)**

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\$307 M Partnership with BARDA



<https://www.nih.gov/research-training/medical-research-initiatives/radx;>

Tromberg, Collins et al. NEJM, 2020

Point-of-Care Technologies Research Network (POCTRN)

NIBIB National Network: 5-6 years for new POC technologies

Established 2007, Expanded 2020: >1,000 RADx experts & contributors



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<https://www.poctrn.org>



GaTech/Emory

- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ Design/Prototype
- ✓ Clinical Validation
- ✓ Biobank samples
- ✓ In-Home Validation

Johns Hopkins

- ✓ Public Health/STD
- ✓ Global Health
- ✓ Clinical Validation
- ✓ Biobank samples
- ✓ Validation in LMICs

CIMIT/MGH

- ✓ Coordinating Center
- ✓ Collaboration/Management Platform
- ✓ Business/Commercialization

Northwestern

- ✓ HIV/AIDS
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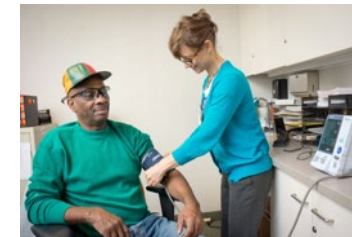
UMass

- ✓ Heart, lung, blood
- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ Clinical Validation
- ✓ Biobank samples
- ✓ Clinical Trials
- ✓ Business/Commercialization



Validation Core

~50 projects complete, >2,000 participants



Clinical Studies Core

Standard Trial Design, Digital Health Platform, Single IRB, Center Network



Deployment Core

Supply chain, Manufacturing, User Community, End to end solutions

- Project Tech:
- 1) Review
 - 2) Funding
 - 3) Expertise
 - 4) Testing

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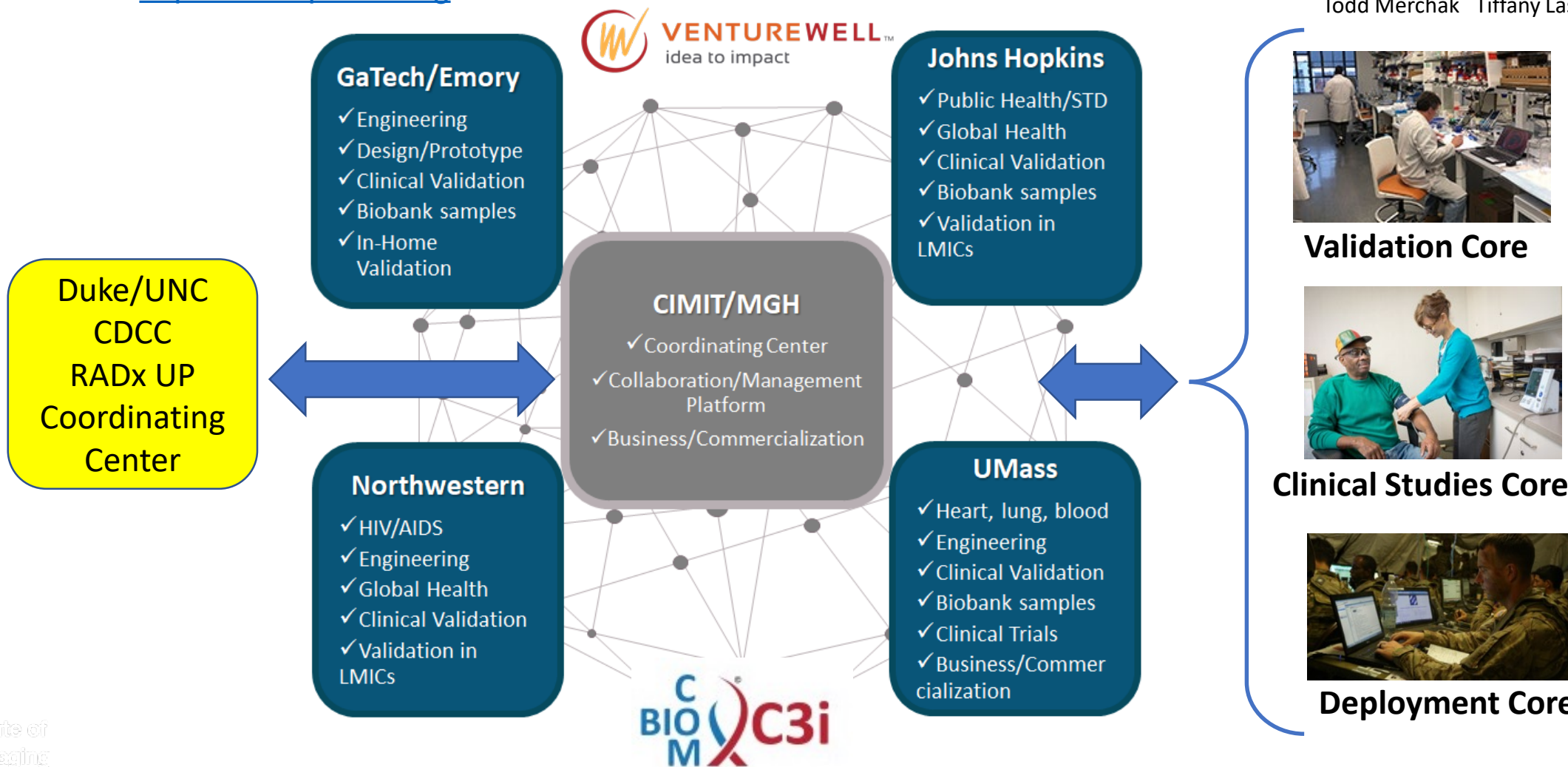
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RADx UP



RADx Tech/ATP Innovation Funnel

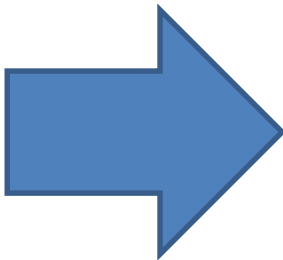


Rolling submission open April 29

5-6 Months

Applications Started

~3000



716

June ACD: 434



136

58



47

9



22

(Tech + ATP)

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FAST TRACK FOR ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGIES

>6 M tests/day by end of year



Validation, Clinical Testing, Regulatory, Manufacturing, Distribution

~\$480M

Projects in each Phase

RADx Tech/ATP Innovation Funnel

NATIONAL CALL FOR INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

PHASE 0: "Shark Tank"-Like Rapid Selection Process

PHASE 1: Validation and Risk Review

PHASE 2: Clinical Tests, Regulatory Approval, and Scaling Up

END OF SUMMER/FALL 2020

Manufacturing Expansion Summary

5-6 Months

Applications Started

~3000

- **Type:** 17 Nucleic Acid, 5 Viral Antigen
- **Setting:** 8 POC, 3 "between", 11 Lab
- **Regulatory:** EUA → 8 lab, 3 POC
- **Impact:** ~1.5 M tests/day (Jan)

- **Pipeline:** 21 POC (9 NAT, 11 An, 1 VOC)
- **Impact:** >1 M LFA tests/day (Q1 2021)

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Innovation

- 1) Separation/concentration
- 2) μ -Fluidics
- 3) Chemistries, e.g. CRISPR, NGS
- 4) Labels, Reporters
- 5) Readout Tech
- 6) Miniaturization
- 7) Automation

November

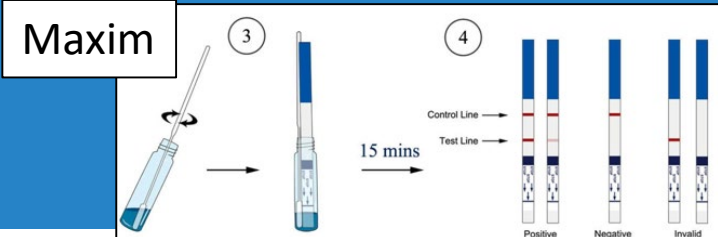
~590,000 tests/day sold;
~890,000 tests/day capacity

<https://www.nibib.nih.gov/covid-19/radx-tech-program/radx-tech-phase2-awards>

Visby Medical	Nucleic Acid: RTPCR	POC
MicroGEM International	Nucleic Acid: RTPCR	POC
Mesa Biotech, Inc.	Nucleic Acid: RTPCR	POC
Talis Biomedical Corp.	Nucleic Acid: Isothermal PCR	POC
MatMaCorp	Nucleic Acid: RTPCR	Lab/POC
Ubiquitome	Nucleic Acid: RTPCR	Lab/POC
Maxim Biomedical Inc	Antigen: LFA dipstick	POC/home
Luminostics, Inc.	Antigen: LFA	POC/home
Ellume USA LLC	Antigen: LFA	POC/home
Quidel Corp.	Antigen: LFA	POC/home
Quanterix	Antigen/microbeads	Lab
Mammoth Biosciences	Nucleic Acid: CRISPR	Lab
Flambeau Diagnostics	Nucleic Acid: Isothermal PCR	Mobile Lab
Ceres Nanosciences Inc	Nucleic Acid: Extraction	Lab
Fluidigm	Nucleic Acid: RTPCR	Lab
Broad Institute	Nucleic Acid: RTPCR	Lab
Illumina Inc	Nucleic Acid: NGS	Lab
Helix OpCo, LLC	Nucleic Acid: NGS	Lab
Ginkgo Bioworks	Nucleic Acid: NGS	Lab
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Mesa BioTech



Maxim



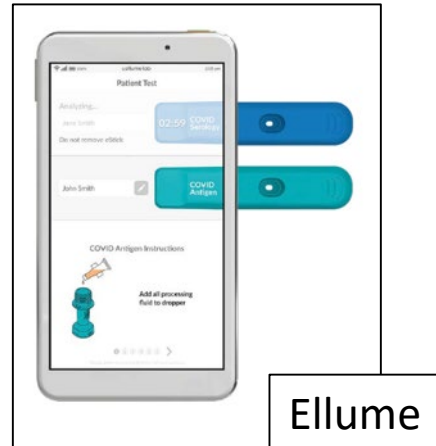
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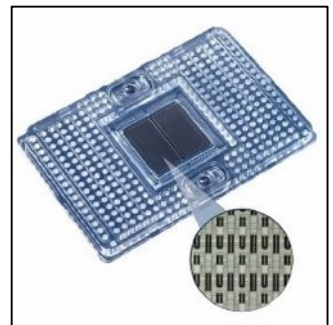
Visby Medical



Ubiquitome



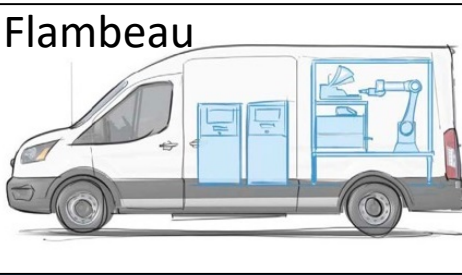
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Fluidigm



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Leveraging NIH Proof of Concept (PoC) Network



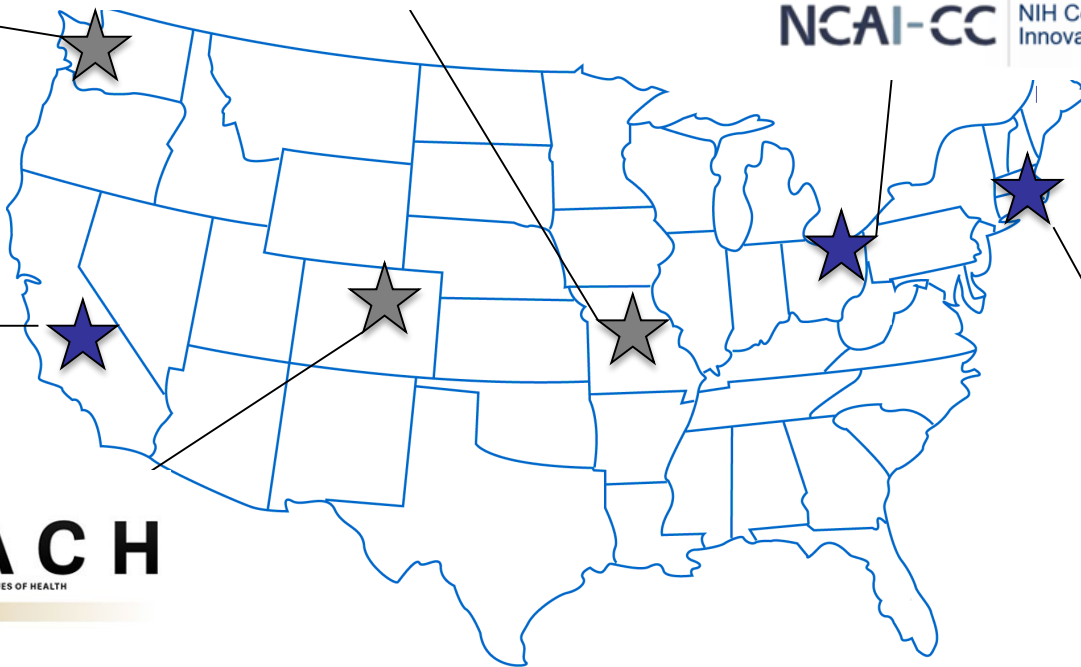
Jodi Black



Matt McMahon

~50 early-stage RADx-tech projects

- Project Funding
- Industry Coaching and Mentoring
- Training and Resources



RADx Test Validation Core (Emory-Gtech)

50 projects complete



Wilbur Lam



Greg Martin



Oliver Brand

Feasibility

Ensure positive control (provided or commercial) is positive
Ensure negative matrix (i.e. saliva, patient sample or commercial) is negative
Ensure negative matrix spiked with live and/or inactivated SARS-CoV-2 virus is positive



Contrived samples

Verify the limit of detection (LOD) via live and/or inactivated SARS-CoV-2 virus by serial dilution using correct matrix
Test non-SARS-CoV-2 coronaviruses (test specificity/cross-reactivity)
Test different strains of SARS-CoV-2 (strain variation)



Patient samples

Test banked patient samples (adult and pediatric) with concomitant testing on reference method to determine concordance
Test prospective patient samples using collection sites **>2,000 participants**
Calculate sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative predictive values with input from our biostatistical core

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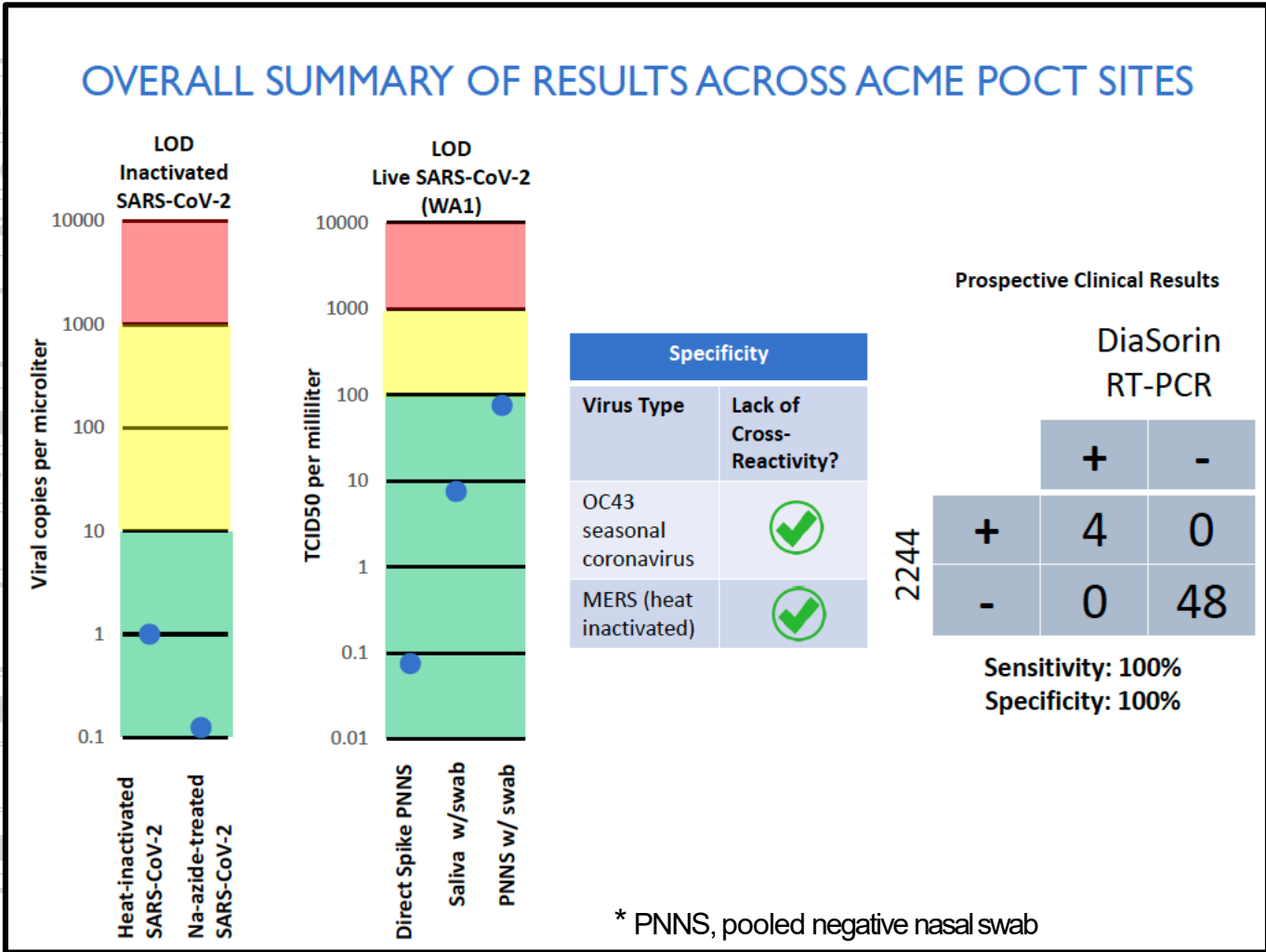
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NIH score range: 1 (exceptional) to 9 (poor)
ACME POCT score: 2 (88% of respondents)
RADx Test Verification Core Recommendation: Proceed to WP2

Resume and Summary of Discussion: the RADx ACME POCT convened an internal study section on July 9th, 2020 to discuss the RADx Test Verification Core's analysis of Project #2244 in which the criteria for evaluation included: LOD, Sensitivity, Specificity, Repeatability, and Usability. The testing of this COVID-19 point-of-care (POC) PCR diagnostic test comprised of 1) LOD testing at several of our sites, including our Emory PSL 2 facility, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta clinical pathology laboratory, and laboratories in...

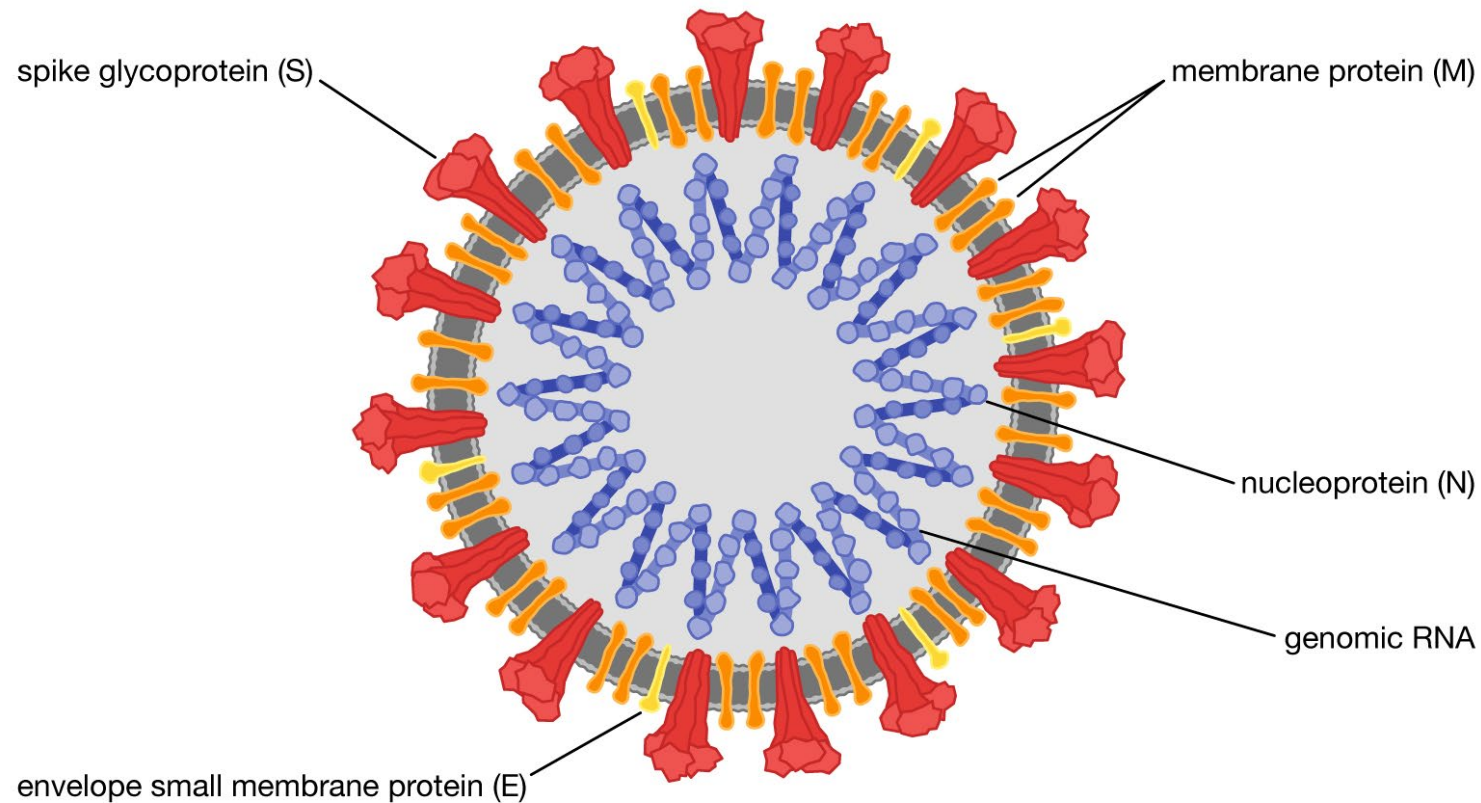
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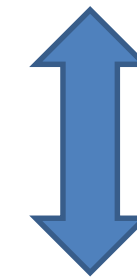


RADx Test Validation Core (Emory-Gtech)

Challenge: Compare NAT and Antigen Test Performance



Viral Antigen Test
Lateral Flow Assay (LFA)
LOD: TCID₅₀/mL ~10³-10⁴/mL



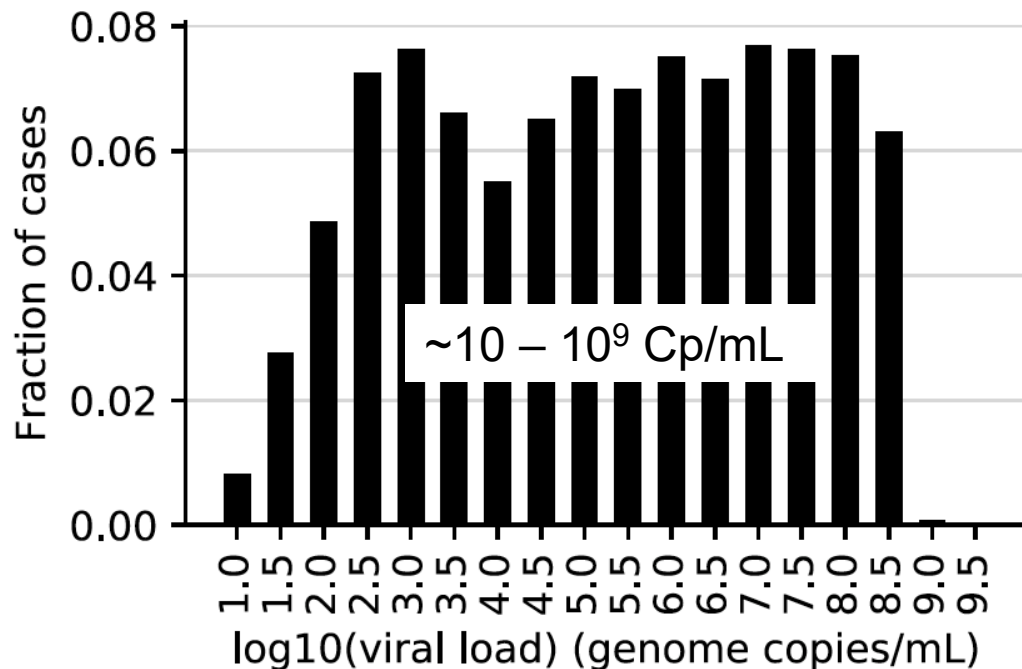
Copies/TCID₅₀ ?

Nucleic Acid Test
RT-PCR (Isothermal PCR)
LOD: Cp/mL ~10²-10³/mL

Understanding Screening/Surveillance Performance

Impact of LOD and Population Viral Load on Performance

Population Viral Loads from Ct values ($n = 4774$)

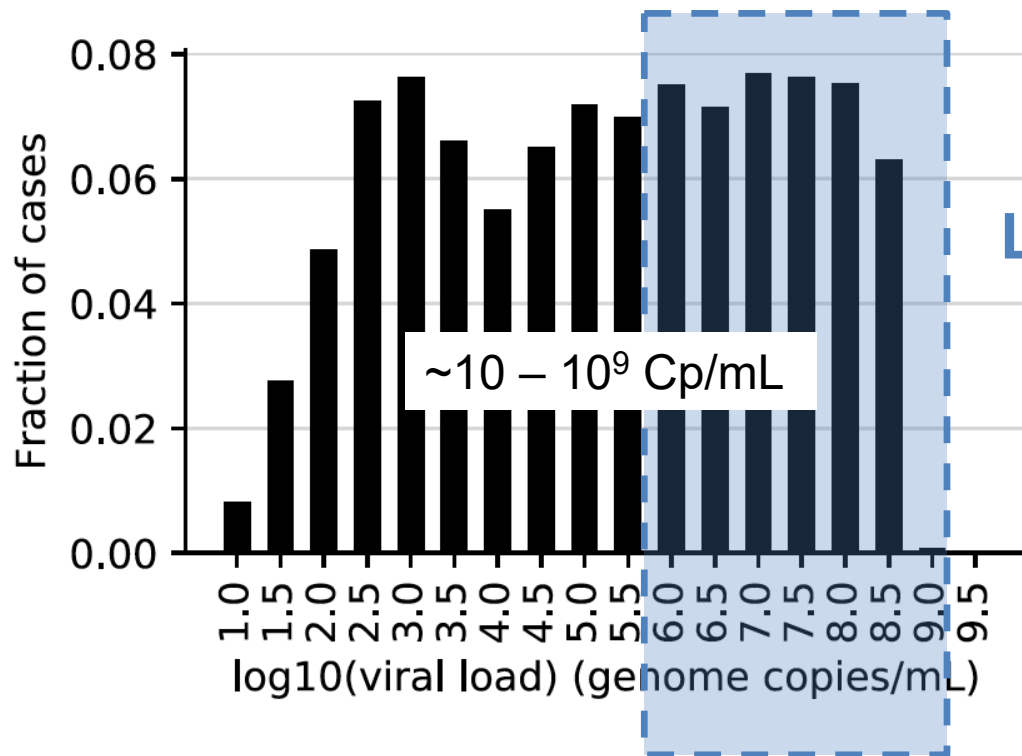


- Wide range of viral loads in population
- Generally higher with time after onset
- Levels not correlated with infectiousness

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LFA → Typical LOD $\sim 10^6$ Copies/mL
Sensitivity $\sim 40\%$ vs. **RTPCR** for all
(symptomatic + asymptomatic)

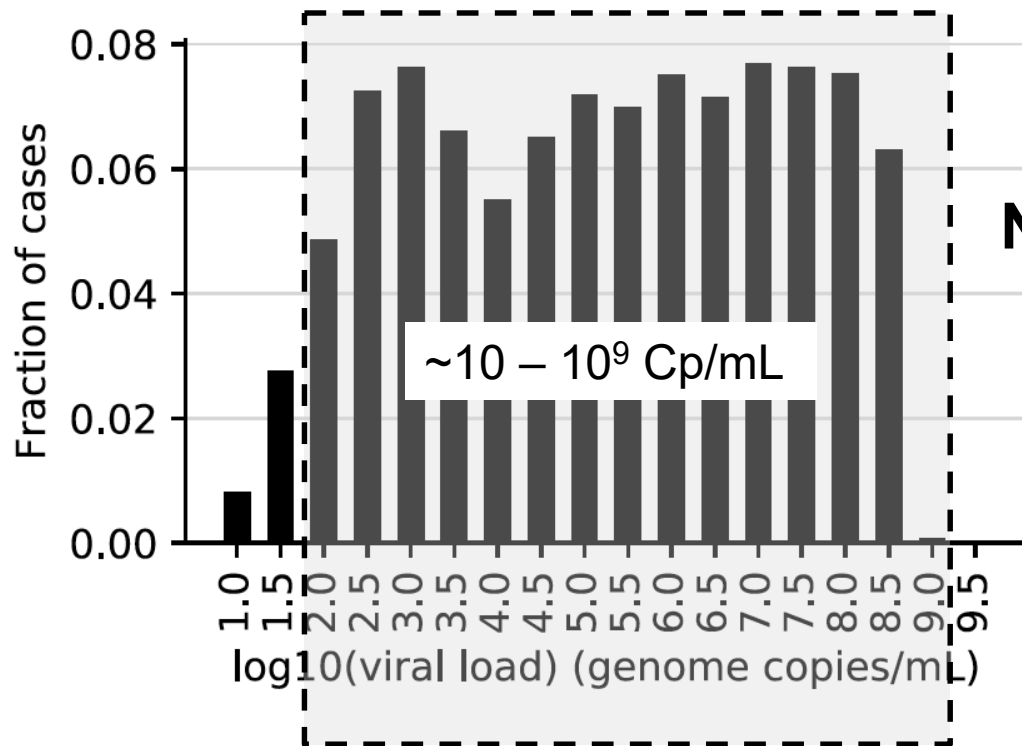
Vs.

Sens/Spec $\sim 90/95\%$ for symptomatic
population (EUA: ~ 5 days post-onset)

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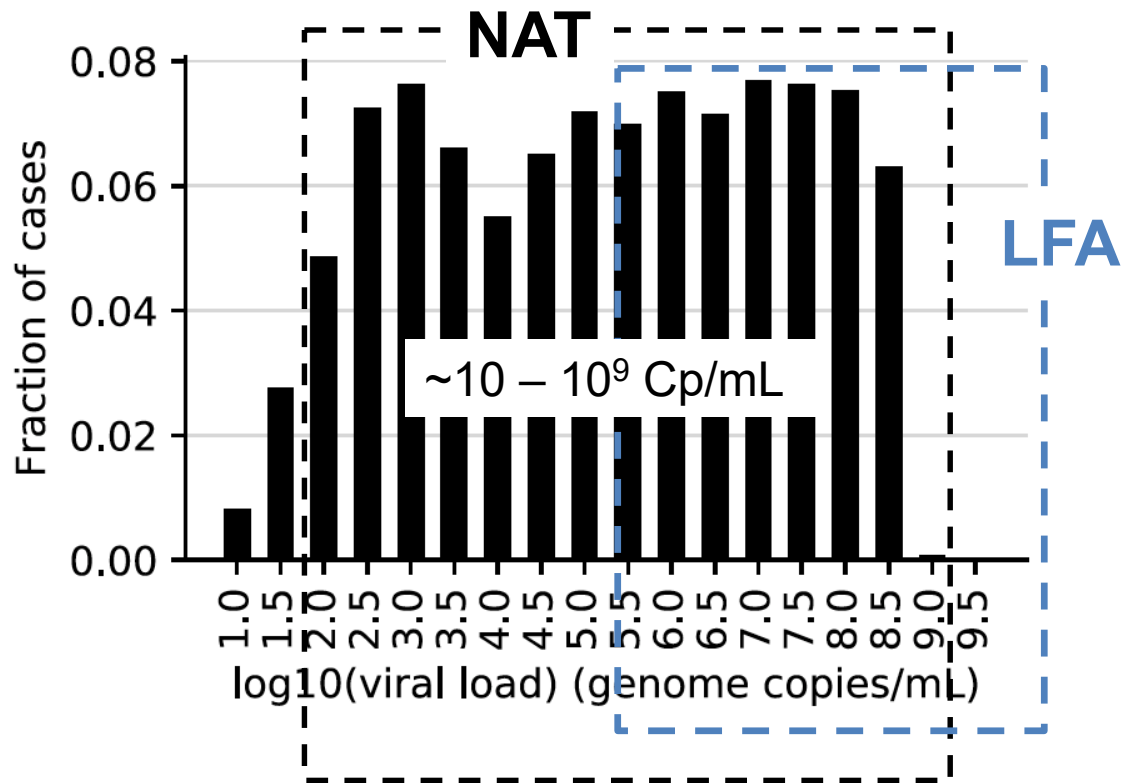


NAT → Typical LOD > $\sim 10^2$ Copies/mL
Sensitivity > $\sim 90\%$ for all population
(symptomatic + asymptomatic)

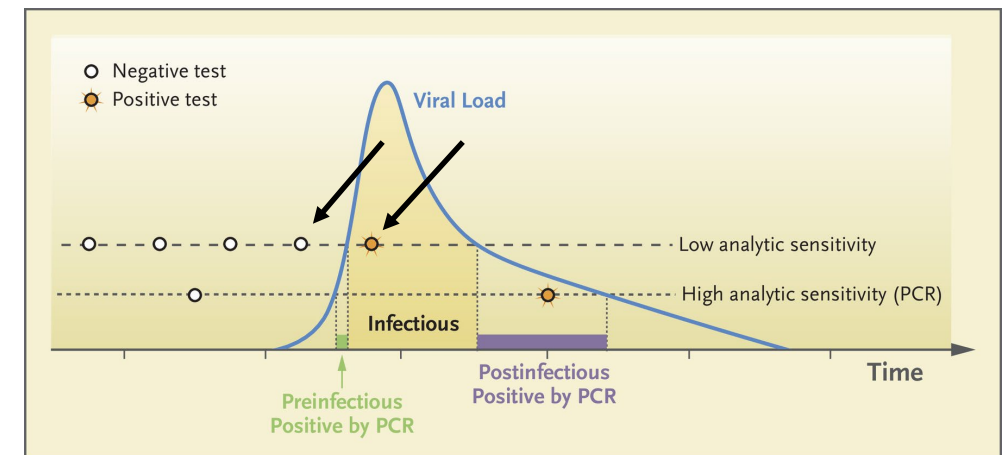
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Implications: NAT (PCR) vs LFA (An)

Population Viral Loads from Ct values ($n = 4774$)



- 1) Use LFA within ~5-7 days of symptoms
 - Elevated viral load (>90% sens, spec)
- 2) “Off Label” LFA in Asymptomatics:
 - Backup PCR w/positive in low prevalence
 - Backup PCR w/negative recently exposed
- 3) Sequential LFA tests



RADx Clinical Studies Core (UMass)

Mission: Evaluate RADx platforms that advance to Phase 2 in rigorous clinical studies w/ diverse populations and settings.

Standard Trial Design: Master protocols, powered studies (~250 subjects), device-specific amendments, accelerate regulatory review

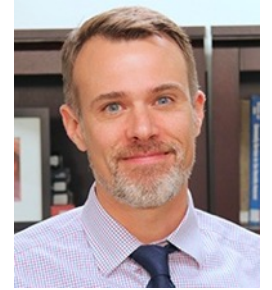
Eureka Digital Health Platform mobile app and website, participants enter own data

Data Safety Board and Single IRB for oversight and safety monitoring

Robust Research Center Network: POCTRN core center network for enrollment (w/Practice Based Research Network and Centers for Clinical and Translational Science assisting)



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Clinical Study Partners



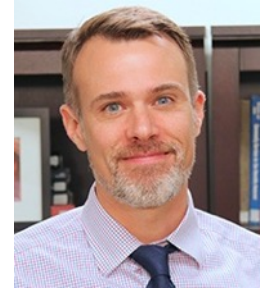
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- 2 Technologies tested (>500 subjects)
- 3 in progress (Quidel, MicroGem, Quanterix) w/~1000 subjects
- Quidel Multisite study: *UMass, UIUC, JHU*
 - Longitudinal sequential Lateral Flow Assay (LFA) assessment (2 weeks)
 - RTPCR, saliva, + viral infectiousness assay
- LFA home testing in design phase
 - Self sampling, digital health platforms, break chain of transmission?



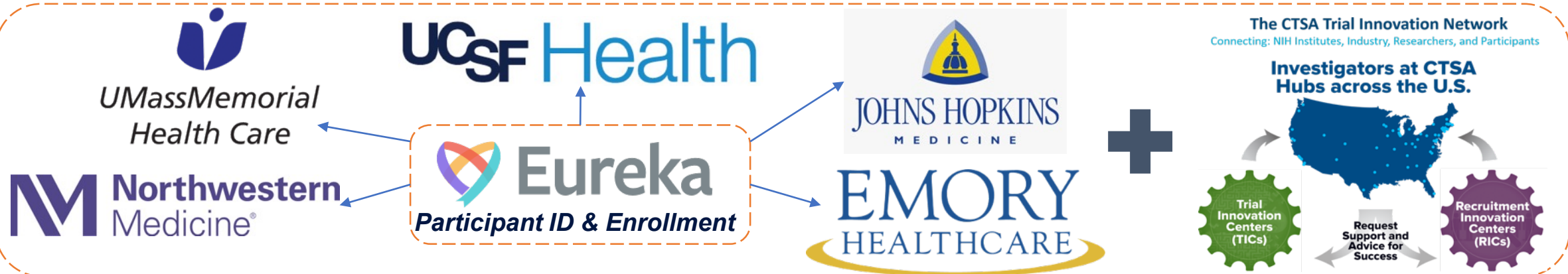
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RADx Deployment Core (CIMIT)

Bridging NIH/USG, non-profit Foundations, Academia, and Industry

Mission

Provide support for successful commercialization and deployment of COVID-19 solutions in unique communities.

- Members: 32
- Nancy Gagliano, MD, Core Lead
- Brian Walsh, Commercialization Lead
- Sreeram Ramakrishnan, Data Solutions Lead
- Susan Moreira, Deployment Lead



Nancy Gagliano, MD

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RADx webinars, tools

<https://whentotest.org/>

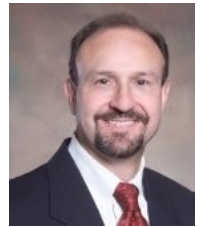
“When-to-Test” modeling tool:
Match tests w/needs; evaluate
impact of risk reducing activities.

Current Highlights

- Supply Chain continues to be core challenge
- Development of Testing Model has received international recognition
- User communities need end-to-end solutions to deploy COVID testing
- Design-a-thon scheduled to develop data solutions



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CIMIT/MGH

RADx Deployment Core (CIMIT)

COVID-19 TESTING IMPACT CALCULATOR

TEST INPUTS & RESULTS

START HERE

How many **people** are in your organization?

What percentage **reliably wear masks**? 80% OF PEOPLE

Do you have a **contact tracing** program?

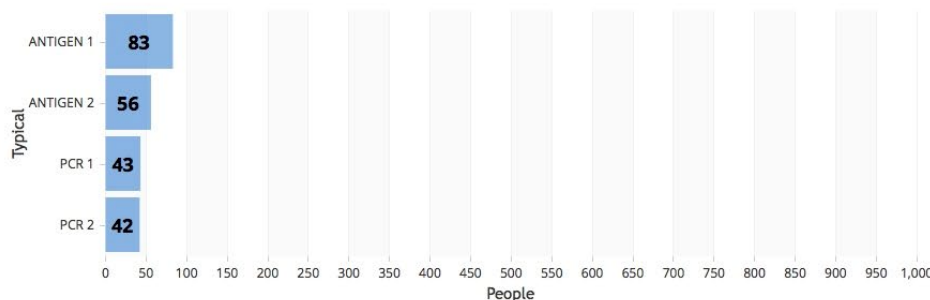
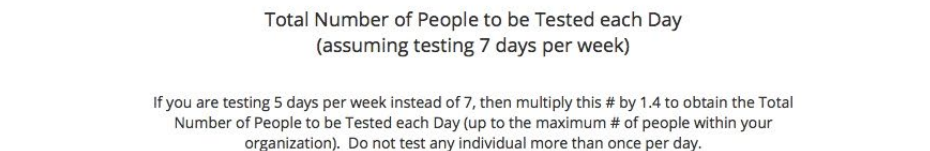
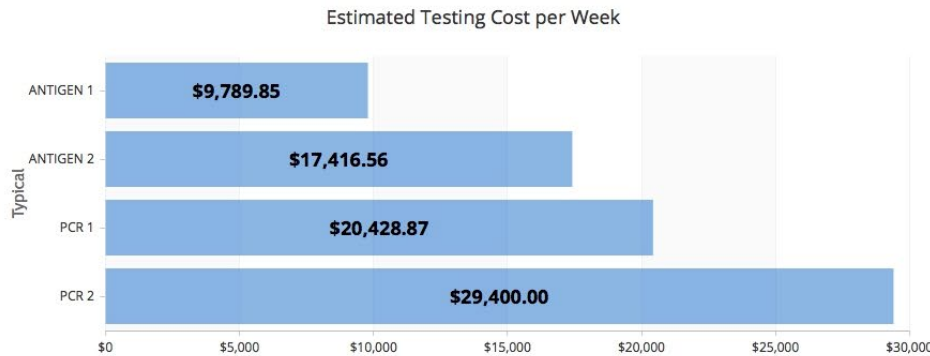
If you offer **unmasked group activities** such as dining or meetings, how many people are in a group? 6 GROUP SIZE

COST CONSIDERATIONS

If your **employees will be paid during testing**, what is their average hourly wage?

If you are paying **people to conduct testing**, what is their average hourly wage?

TYPICAL HOTSPOT BOTH (PRINT MODE) TEST DETAILS ANTIGEN 1 ANTIGEN 2 PCR 1 PCR 2



ademia, and Industry

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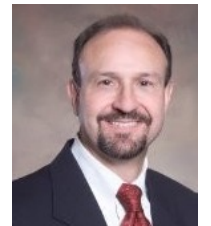
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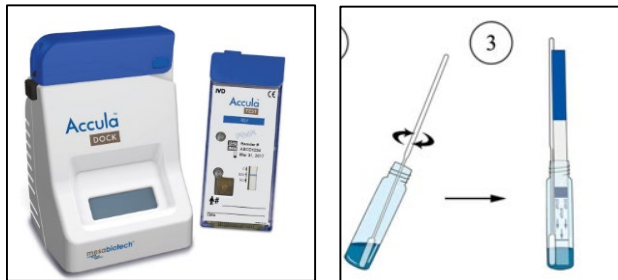
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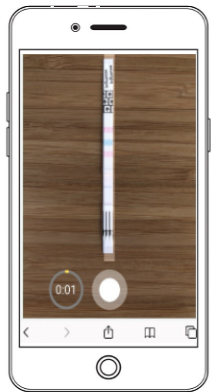
POC/Home Challenges: *Digital Health*

RADx POC Test



PCR

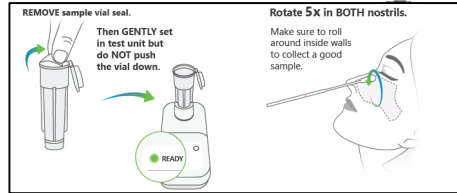
LFA



e.g. OpenRDT (Audere)

Cell
Phone
Reader

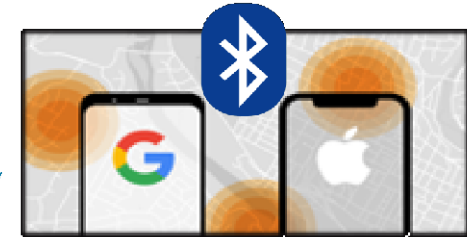
How to Use



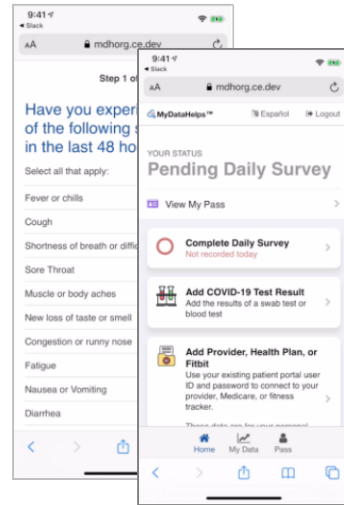
Wearables



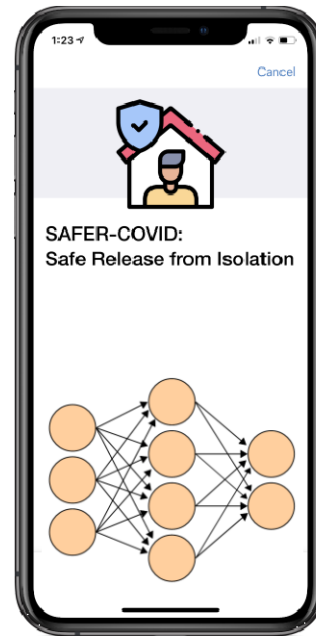
Digital Contact Tracing



Symptom Surveys



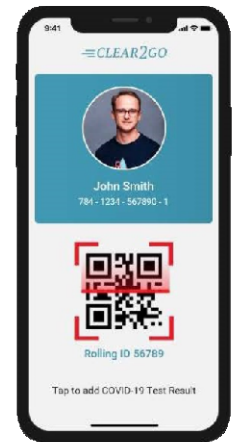
GATES foundation



EHR & Claims



Proof of Health Status



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RADx Clinical Studies for Guidance:

- *Can sequential LFA tests provide equivalent info to PCR for “infectiousness”?*
- *Can frequent, inexpensive LFA tests at home break chain of transmission?*