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Point of Care Testing Association Welcomes the Infectious Diseases Society of America as Partner

The organization representing 13,000+ physicians, scientists, and public health experts joins the growing U.S. advocacy coalition seeking to facilitate access to safe, effective, and cost-effective patient testing at the time of treatment

Washington, DC – The Point of Care Testing Association (POCTA), the advocacy coalition that seeks to facilitate access to safe, effective, and cost-effective patient testing at the time of treatment, announced today it has welcomed the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) as its newest Partner organization.

POCTA launched the Partner program to build stronger ties with key stakeholder organizations to more effectively promote medically appropriate and cost-effective point of care testing. As Partners, IDSA and POCTA are now able to advocate together for shared policy objectives more regularly, easily, and effectively. IDSA is the fourth organization to become a POCTA Partner, joining AdvaMed, the Association for Diagnostics & Laboratory Medicine and the Urgent Care Association.

POCTA members are comprised of manufacturers of point of care diagnostic technologies that enable physicians to monitor chronic conditions, diagnose illnesses, and provide timely information for patients in a variety of care settings. Together, POCTA and its Partners will continue to work to advance effective policies to improve health through better access to point of care testing.

IDSA is a community of over 13,000 physicians, scientists and public health experts who specialize in infectious diseases. The organization's purpose is to improve the health of individuals, communities, and society by promoting excellence in patient care, education, research, public health, and prevention relating to infectious diseases.

"By providing quicker access to accurate results, point of care testing helps providers expedite diagnosis and treatment, which makes it an important tool in limiting the spread of infectious diseases," said Eric Zimmerman, on behalf of POCTA. "We are excited to welcome the Infectious Diseases Society of America as a Partner and look forward to working together on our advocacy efforts."

Those interested in learning more about POCTA, its legislative and regulatory/reimbursement priorities and membership/partnership opportunities are encouraged to visit <https://pointofcaretestingassociation.org/>.

About The Point of Care Testing Association (POCTA)

The Point of Care Testing Association (POCTA) seeks to facilitate access to safe, effective, and cost-effective patient testing at the time of treatment. POCTA brings together other like-minded stakeholders, thought leaders, and experts to help inform and advance effective reimbursement policies that can improve health outcomes by supporting access to POC testing. Laboratory

testing furnished at the point of care (POC) benefits patients and the health care system. POC testing enables physicians to monitor chronic conditions, diagnose illnesses, and provide timely information to patients in a variety of care settings, from clinics to pharmacies to community centers to non-hospital facilities (e.g., assisted living). To see a list of our members and learn more about our initiatives, visit <https://pointofcaretestingassociation.org/>.

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