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Alfa Scientific Designs, Inc. is excited to announce the launch of the Vision™ Drugs of Abuse Test Cup.

The Vision™ cup screens up to 12 drug parameters simultaneously, and can accommodate adulteration strips to detect specimen tampering. This easy to use cup initiates as soon as the operator screws on the lid. It's that simple -- no buttons to push or keys to insert. Providing accurate results in as little as 5 min-

utes, the Vision™ cup incorporates many features that make it one of the premier cups on the market:

One-Step Operation

Testing is initiated once the operator screws the lid onto the cup. A simple

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procedure minimizes user error and helps ensure valid results while preventing tampering by the donor.

Stable Results

Drug strips can be read anywhere from 5-60 minutes. A wide detection window helps confidence in results.

Leakproof Lid

A two-stage system ensures that cups can be safely shipped to laboratories for confirmation testing.

Laboratory Sample Access Port

Confirmation laboratories can

access the cup reservoir through an access port in the lid, minimizing contact with the urine.

Stackable Form

With the test strips in the lid, the cups can be stacked, providing for more compact packaging and lower shipping costs.

Regulatory Clearance

The Vision™ cup has been 510(k) cleared by the US FDA for professional use in the United States and will soon be CE Marked for sale in the European Union.

Abuse Test Cup presents a modern design to provide an excellent value for the drug testing market. For more information on the Vision™ Test Cup or any of our other diagnostic products please contact your Alfa sales or customer service representative today.



The Vision™ Drugs of

Different Markets Have Different Requirements

To meet the demand for saliva drug testing, Alfa Scientific offers the Oral-View™ Saliva Multi-Drug of Abuse Test to its distributors around the world. However, it is important to note that the packaging for this product is tailored to meet the quality and regulatory requirements of the target markets.

In the United States, oral fluid drug testing is not regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) if the product is not used for medical purposes. Therefore, saliva tests do not fall under the class

II device category, and no 510(k) premarket notification is required as long as the package inserts and labeling indicate that the product is not intended for medical use. To meet this requirement, most saliva drug tests currently on the market, including the Oral-View™ test, are marked for forensic use only.

In Europe, drug tests may be CE Marked for sale as in vitro diagnostics for medical use throughout the European Union (EU) once the manufacturer self-declares that their product complies with the essential

requirements laid out in the in vitro diagnostic device (IVDD) directives. As such, in the EU the Oral-View™ test has been CE Marked and can be used by health care professionals.

To ensure that your products meet all applicable regulations, please make sure that you use the correct catalog number when ordering the Oral-View™ test device. In the US, customers should use catalog #4231. Customers placing orders in other countries should use catalog #4210. If you have any further questions, please contact your sales representative.

Unemployed May Be Drug Tested

On March 10, 2009, Craig Blair, a Republican state legislator in West Virginia, introduced bill HB3007, which would implement random drug testing for applicants and recipients of unemployment benefits. People who fail two consecutive drug tests will be denied federal-state and state assistance such as welfare and food stamps for a period of two years, at which time they could re-apply and be retested. Other states are considering or have tried similar programs. On March 25 the Kansas House approved one such measure, which is now in the state Senate. Similar bills have been raised in Oklahoma, Florida, Missouri, Hawaii and Minnesota. An attempt to pass such a law in Arizona failed in January.

This is not the first time such legislation has been proposed. Since the national welfare program was overhauled in the 1990s, states have been allowed to tie assistance programs to drug testing results. However, when Michigan passed a law allowing for random testing, it was struck down by a federal court on the grounds that it constituted a violation of the 4th Amendment. However, with state finances in shambles and a soaring number of applicants for public assistance, drug testing is being looked at as a way to allocate

limited funds.

Proponents of such legislation argue that these programs make sure that taxpayers' money isn't spent to fuel other people's drug habits, and suggest that such regulations would provide incentive for the people in the greatest need to enter drug rehabilitation programs. Those opposed to the bill include groups historically opposed to drug testing, such as the American Civil Liberties Union. Such programs, they say, unfairly target poor people who are unable to defend themselves, and are a violation of privacy.

At this time it is unclear whether such legislation is likely to pass, or survive judicial scrutiny if passed. However,

while the global economic downturn continues to drag on, drug testing is likely to remain in the limelight as governments at every level seek to cut costs.

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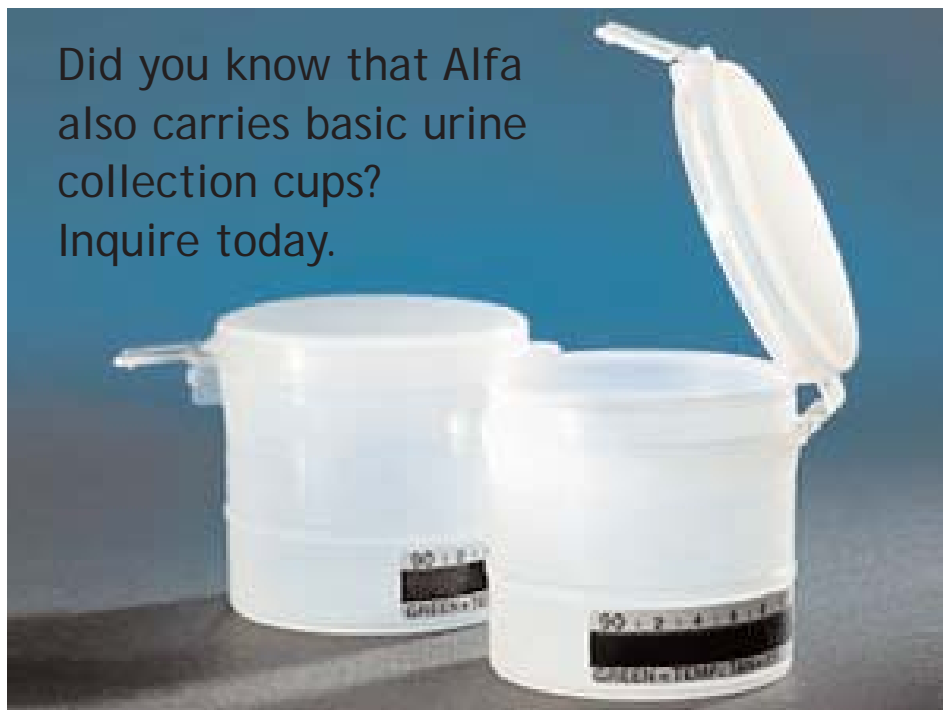
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Craig Blair's HB 3007 support page: <http://www.notwithmytaxdollars.com/>



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