Application of the Comprehensive Assessment of the Value of Diagnostic Technologies Framework to Abbott’s 4th Generation ARCHITECT HIV Antigen/Antibody Combo Test
**Value Framework Overview**

In response to the growing need to demonstrate how diagnostic tests and technologies fit into the emerging value-based paradigm for providers, payers, and patients, AdvaMedDx launched a Strategic Value Initiative to develop an approach to value assessment for diagnostic tests and technologies that can be used by Medical technology companies as well as by health systems, payers, and other stakeholders.¹

The AdvaMedDx Value Assessment approach goes beyond traditional Health Economic Outcomes Research (HEOR) and clinical efficacy metrics to assess the value that diagnostic tests and technologies may contribute to improving patient care and experience, economic outcomes, and the overall health of populations. This approach uses four broad categories, or “value drivers,” to describe the value of diagnostic tests and technologies: clinical impact, non-clinical patient impact, care delivery revenue and cost impact, and public/population impact relevant to an array of stakeholders who may evaluate and measure value differently.

The AdvaMedDx Value Assessment approach can be used to guide the development of a value proposition that successfully communicates the full breadth of expected impacts offered by diagnostic tests and technologies while taking into account the demands of the changing health care ecosystem. The collection of information associated with the value drivers reflects quantitative and qualitative metrics of value, gives appropriate weight to patient experience and societal impacts, and also accounts for the consideration of evidence collected through a variety of methods. An illustration highlighting the value drivers and components of AdvaMed’s approach is on the following page.

In order to demonstrate the application of this framework across different types of diagnostic tests and technologies, AdvaMedDx has partnered with member companies to develop use cases. These use cases address the clinical need for the diagnostic test or technology, alternative and existing technologies on the market, the expected impacts of the diagnostic test or technology, and the evidence to support such a value assessment. The use cases have been developed as a way to directly demonstrate the application of the AdvaMedDx Value Framework to the featured diagnostic test and should not be construed as an endorsement or promotion thereof.

**Abbott**

This use case demonstrates the value of Abbott’s 4th generation ARCHITECT HIV Antigen/Antibody combo (ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo) test across all of the identified value drivers and for a range of stakeholders. The test works by simultaneously detecting HIV p24 antigen and antibodies to both HIV Type 1 and/or HIV Type 2 in human serum and plasma. It is intended for use as an aid in diagnosis of HIV-1/HIV-2, including acute/primary HIV-1 infection, in subjects age two and up and in pregnant women.
Illustration of AdvaMedDx Value Assessment Approach

Source: “A Framework for Comprehensive Assessment of the Value of Diagnostic Tests”, co-developed with Deloitte Consulting LLP
Abbott ARCHITECT HIV Antigen/Antibody Combo Test

There are three types of diagnostic tests for HIV: antibody tests, nucleic acid tests (NATs), and combination tests such as Abbott’s ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo assay. Antibody tests detect the presence of antibodies, which typically reach detectable levels within 3-12 weeks after infection. Most rapid tests and home tests are antibody tests. NATs are the fastest type of HIV testing and are capable of detecting HIV 1-4 weeks after infection; however, the expense associated with the tests limits their use in diagnostic laboratories. Combination tests look for both HIV antibodies and antigens. Because antigens are present during the acute phase of HIV infection, combination tests can detect HIV 2-6 weeks after infection.

Abbott’s ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo assay is a fourth generation test that simultaneously screens for both types of HIV antibodies (Type 1 and Type 2) and HIV-1 p24 antigen using a blood sample from the patient.

The ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo assay is not intended for use in screening blood, plasma, or tissue donors, but may be used as a blood donor screening assay in urgent situations where other tests are unavailable or their use is impractical.

Diagnostic test developers with a new product concept in development should start early, not only to address the FDA requirements, but also the value proposition that the diagnostic test conveys to patients, providers, and the health care system.

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The US Preventative Services Task Force recommends that clinicians screen for HIV infection in adolescents and adults aged 15-65 years and all pregnant women.
The ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo assay can detect HIV infection earlier than tests that only detect antibodies, enabling detection of HIV up to 20 days earlier, when compared to an antibody test. This improved time to detection is critical to all groups of people with HIV. It allows people to prevent transmission of HIV to others and start treatment that improves quality of life and survival. It is also critical for pregnant women who, once diagnosed, receive treatment that may reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to their unborn child.

In addition to shortening the length of time to diagnosis, the ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo assay may also shorten the time between testing and reporting of the first test result. Results from the ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo test are available less than 30 minutes after test initiation on the instrument, which can allow patients to receive results before leaving the site of testing—potentially improving patient compliance and follow-up.

Patient Populations

Assessments should consider the extent to which a diagnostic test may be more or less effective for various patient populations and align with the population focus of the stakeholder evaluating the test.

This section demonstrates the value of the diagnostic test to patients by addressing the need for the test in the context of the affected patient sub-population and the available alternatives to treat their condition.
HIV infection can be divided into three stages: acute infection, clinical latency, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).9

- Acute HIV infection occurs within the first few weeks following infection. Within two to four weeks after infection, people with acute HIV infection have extremely high viral loads and may or may not experience symptoms resembling a flu-like virus. During this time, they are highly contagious. Because they may or may not have symptoms, people with acute HIV are often unaware they are infected and may spread HIV. This is a time period in which it is important that patients are tested so they can take steps to reduce the spread of HIV to others and begin treatment.
- Clinical latency (also called asymptomatic or chronic HIV infection) is the phase during which HIV is still active but reproduces at low levels. People in this stage who are being treated with antiretroviral medications (ART) and have low levels of virus in their blood are less likely to transmit HIV to others, though it is still possible. This stage can last for a decade or longer.
- People with HIV progress to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) once their viral loads increase and their CD4 cell counts drop below a certain level. People with AIDS often acquire...
opportunistic infections as a result of their damaged immune systems. They can have a high viral load and can be very infectious.

Early diagnosis is critical to avoiding the spread of HIV by someone who does not know his or her infection status. The early diagnosis of HIV is also critical to reducing healthcare costs. In 2015, there were almost 40,000 new cases of HIV diagnosed in the US.\textsuperscript{10} The lifetime cost of HIV infection treatment and care is estimated to be $379,668 per person.\textsuperscript{11} Early diagnosis can reduce the spread of HIV and the number of new cases, avoiding those lifetime costs for people who otherwise may become infected. People who get an early HIV-positive diagnosis may receive treatment that suppresses their viral loads and allows them to continue in the workforce. Treatment may also help these patients avoid opportunistic infections, which can reduce both immediate and long-term health system costs. These factors reduce the economic burden of HIV.
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**Stakeholders**

The intended audience for a value assessment affects the framing of the assessment and the drivers and metrics that could be highlighted.

Both the intended audience/stakeholders and the purpose of the assessment should dictate which types of value are considered and emphasized via the assessment process, as well as the types and quality of evidence needed to support evidence development needs and appropriate strategies for collecting annual performance information.

It is important for stakeholders to consider the full range of value drivers and impacts.

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| **Patient**                 | • 100% sensitivity (post-seroconversion) to correctly identify those with HIV\(^\text{12}\)  
  • 99.77% specificity to correctly identify those without HIV (post-seroconversion)\(^\text{13}\)  
  • 89.1% sensitivity during acute phase (compared to 42.4% for 3rd gen. antibody test), allowing for earlier diagnosis\(^\text{14}\)  
  • Allows for earlier start of ART if HIV positive, which may reduce risk of transmission to uninfected partner by up to 96%\(^\text{15}\)  
  • Low risk of adverse reaction (risk typical of any dx blood test)  
  • Fewer retests needed due to high clinical validity  
  • Confirmatory testing performed on positive test results | • Ability to be tested in a variety of healthcare settings (inpatient, outpatient, etc.)  
  • Results obtained in under 30 minutes, so patients may receive results prior to leaving the site of testing  
  • Improved patient compliance and follow-up due to availability of same-day result | • Earlier diagnosis can lead to earlier initiation of treatment, which may reduce need for further doctor's office and hospital visits  
  • Lower out of pocket costs for testing than with NATs  
  • Potentially reduced costs associated with adverse events or retesting | • Earlier detection and treatment may lead to longer life expectancy and higher quality of life  
  • Earlier detection allows for earlier treatment to control HIV, which may allow patient to continue working and reduce absenteeism and presenteeism  
  • Fewer missed cases compared to testing with antibody tests or NATs that may miss individuals during or at the end of the acute phase  
  • Potentially lower overall individual healthcare cost due to increased awareness of disease status and earlier treatment  
  • Earlier detection may lead to less transmission and reduced incidence of HIV |
| **Doctor**                  | • Provides ability to detect HIV earlier and intervene earlier than 3\(^\text{rd}\) generation antibody tests  
  • Low risk of adverse reaction (risk typical of any dx blood test)  
  • Allows for earlier start of ART if HIV positive, which may reduce risk of transmission to uninfected partner by up to 96%\(^\text{16}\)  
  • Informs need for treatment | • No special training needed to administer test  
  • Results obtained in 30 minutes of test initiation, so patient can be counseled before leaving office or test setting  
  • Potentially improved patient compliance and follow-up due to availability of same-day result | • Can be performed in outpatient settings  
  • Earlier diagnosis can lead to earlier initiation of treatment, which may reduce need for further doctor's office and hospital visits  
  • Potentially reduced costs associated with adverse events or retesting | • Earlier detection may lead to less transmission and reduced incidence of HIV |
| **Hospital/Outpatient Clinic** | • Provides ability to detect HIV earlier and intervene earlier than 3\(^\text{rd}\) generation antibody tests  
  • Low risk of adverse reaction (risk typical of any dx blood test) | • Potentially improved patient compliance and follow-up due to availability of same-day result  
  • No special training needed to administer test | | • Earlier detection may lead to less transmission and reduced incidence of HIV |
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| • Provides ability to detect HIV earlier and intervene earlier than 3rd generation antibody tests  
• Low risk of adverse reaction (risk typical of any dx blood test) | • Potentially improved patient compliance and follow-up due to availability of same-day result | • Less expensive testing method than NATs  
• Earlier diagnosis can lead to earlier initiation of treatment, which may reduce further doctor’s office and hospital visits  
• Lower overall healthcare costs due to increased awareness of disease status, potentially fewer transmissions, and fewer missed cases | • Earlier detection may lead to less transmission and reduced incidence of HIV |
Abbott's evidence focuses on the ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo assay's clinical validity and ability to detect HIV infection earlier than antibody-only test methods. Abbott has conducted its own non-clinical and clinical studies, and has contributed and co-authored a number of published studies that use the ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo test. Abbott also supported an economic modeling study that examined both the clinical implications and cost-effectiveness of their testing method.

The chart on the following page applies to patients tested for HIV using the ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo Assay:
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<td><strong>Abbott Safety and Effectiveness Data</strong>&lt;sup&gt;17&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>• High sensitivity and specificity for both low and high risk populations and all patient groups (pregnant women, children, etc.)&lt;br&gt;• Reduced time to detection of HIV by up to 20 days (compared to 3rd generation antibody test)</td>
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<td><strong>Health Economics Modeling Study (published)</strong>&lt;sup&gt;18&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Health Economic Modeling/Analysis</td>
<td>• Earlier detection of HIV with 4th generation test (ARCHITECT)&lt;br&gt;• More HIV cases detected with ARCHITECT than 3rd generation antibody test</td>
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<td>• 4th generation assay is cost-effective method for detecting HIV in appropriate settings</td>
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<td>Clinical Study</td>
<td>• ARCHITECT assay able to detect HIV up to 20 days before positive antibody tests&lt;br&gt;• High sensitivity for HIV&lt;br&gt;• ARCHITECT increased detection of HIV results compared to 3rd generation tests</td>
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<td>Clinical Study</td>
<td>• 61.9% sensitivity for acute infections (compared to 14.3% by 3rd generation test)&lt;br&gt;• Detects acute and chronic infections in a single step&lt;br&gt;• Results delivered to patients faster than NATs</td>
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<td><strong>Assessment of ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab</strong>&lt;sup&gt;21&lt;/sup&gt; Combo assay in high-risk setting</td>
<td>Clinical Study</td>
<td>• ARCHITECT capable of providing positive result in absence of HIV antibodies&lt;br&gt;• Detected 85.7% of acute infections incorrectly diagnosed by 3rd generation test</td>
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Clinical Impact Value – Abbott’s ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo assay provides benefits to both the patient using the test and the clinician and healthcare systems involved in that patient’s care. The ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo test has high sensitivity and specificity for HIV and can test for both acute and chronic infections simultaneously. The test’s improved ability for detecting acute infections compared to 3rd generation antibody tests allows patients to be diagnosed sooner and to receive treatment faster than with other testing methods. The risk of adverse reactions to the test is low, and results are available quickly.

Non-Clinical Impact Value – The ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo test has a wide range of beneficial non-clinical impacts for a range of stakeholders. Additionally, the test can be administered in a range of settings and the quick time-to-result allows patients to receive results while still in the healthcare setting where they were tested—potentially improving patient compliance and follow-up.

Care Delivery Revenue and Cost Impact Value – The ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo may generate both short and long term healthcare system cost savings. The ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo test may be less expensive to the patient, healthcare setting, and insurer than other test methods that cannot detect HIV in the acute phase. An earlier diagnosis can lead to earlier initiation of treatment, which may reduce the need for additional healthcare visits and treatments. In addition, the ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo test requires no additional training for healthcare providers, less laboratory labor than NATs, and its high clinical validity reduces the need for and costs associated with retesting—creating lower costs for both the patient and hospital.
Public/Population Impact Value – The ARCHITECT HIV Ag/Ab Combo test has likely beneficial societal impact through earlier identification and treatment, potentially leading to reduced new incidences of HIV and lowered burden of disease on society. An accurate diagnosis during the acute phase is also critical in preventing the transmission of HIV to uninfected individuals.

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