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Primary Health Care joins Global Diagnostics Network (GDN) as Founding Member

The GDN, launched by US-based Quest Diagnostic, brings together leaders in diagnostics information services to share expertise and drive innovation

Sydney, Primary Health Care (Primary) announced today it has joined the newly formed Global Diagnostics Network (GDN) launched by US-based Quest Diagnostics. The network is a strategic working group of laboratories, each committed to sharing local innovation and increasing access to diagnostic science and products, to improve global healthcare through the generation of diagnostic insights.

Primary is one of the charter members of GDN which also includes AI Borg Medical Laboratories, DASA, GC Labs, KingMed Diagnostics and SYNLAB. Collectively, this community of healthcare leaders has a global presence in countries with more than half of the world's population.

"Through the combined strength and scientific diagnostic expertise, GDN will provide opportunities for Australian pathology to benefit from global collaboration," says Dr Malcolm Parmenter, Primary Managing Director and CEO. "I'm pleased to be joining with other leaders to innovate in the field of diagnostics."

Priority focus areas for GDN include a global launch platform for high quality companion diagnostics¹ and the creation of an emerging pathogen-preparedness network to expedite infectious disease research and response. Additional initiatives will be rolled out based on regional and global priorities.

In Australia, one in three pathology specimens is tested in a Primary laboratory. With more than 100 laboratories and 2,300 collection centres servicing metro, regional, and remote Australia, as well as niche practices specialising in genetics, dermatopathology, and veterinary pathology, Primary is committed to supporting practitioners and patients by delivering timely, accurate, and high quality diagnostic results Australia-wide.

¹ A targeted diagnostic test is used as a companion to a therapeutic drug to determine its applicability to an individual patient, helping practitioners in their decision making to determinate the usefulness of administering medicine to a specific patient.

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For over 30 years Primary Health Care has been one of Australia's leading listed healthcare companies with a commitment to supporting quality, affordable and accessible healthcare for all Australians. Through an expansive network of multi-disciplinary medical centres, pathology laboratories and diagnostic imaging centres, Primary provides world class facilities and support services to independent GPs, radiologists, specialists and other healthcare practitioners, enabling them to deliver quality care to patients in partnership with Primary's pathologists, nurses and other employees. Primary's 'medical home' model makes healthcare services easily accessible and cost efficient, while enabling the coordination and continuity of patient care.