FDA Approves Abbott’s New HIV Test

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Abbott Laboratories’ new HIV test, which can detect HIV types 1 and 2, The Associated Press reports. While type 2 is mostly found in West Africa, type 1 is comprised of various HIV subgroups found primarily in both the United States and West Africa.

According to the article, the Abbott Prism HIV O Plus test runs on Abbott’s Prism system, which is an automated instrument typically used to screen blood for hepatitis. This new test will be used to test blood and organ donations for HIV.

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