# Technical Bulletin

## Special Notice: Confirmation of Group A Strep Rapid Results

Effective immediately, users of QuickVue® and Sofia® Group A Strep tests may use FDA-cleared molecular tests to confirm a negative test result – provided that the molecular test does not itself require culture confirmation. Quidel's AmpliVue® GAS and Solana® GAS molecular tests have been cleared by the FDA and do NOT require culture confirmation of a negative test result, and therefore can be used to confirm QuickVue and Sofia Group A Strep tests. Alternatively, you have the option of confirming rapid test negative results by culture.

> **Note:** *"Follow-up culture is required if a negative Sofia Strep A+ result is confirmed with a molecular method and clinical symptoms persist, or in the event of an outbreak of acute rheumatic fever (ARF)."*

Please contact Quidel Technical Support at 800.874.1517 (in the U.S.), 858.552.1100 (outside the U.S.) or technicalsupport@quidel.com if you have any questions regarding Quidel's Group A Strep products, or any Quidel product. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

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