**Catalyst Dx** Analyser Components

**Running a Sample**
1. Enter the sample information on the IDEXX VetLab Station.
2. Once the sample information appears in the Pending list on the Catalyst Dx Home screen, tap it and then tap Select.
3. Select the Sample Type.
4. If you are running a NH₃ slide, UPC slides, or PHBR slide, select the applicable check box.
5. Specify the desired type of dilution, and then use the up/down arrows to specify the desired dilution factor (total parts).
6. Tap Next.
7. Load the slides and sample in the sample drawer.
   **Note:** If you are running a Lyte 4 CLIP, be sure to load it in the sample drawer before any other CLIPs or slides.
8. Tap Run. When the analysis is complete, the results are sent to the IDEXX VetLab Station automatically.

**Dilutions**
The Catalyst Dx analyzer supports automated dilutions (the analyzer mixes the sample and diluent for you) and manual dilutions (you prepare the dilution outside of the analyzer).

**Special Slides (NH₃, UPC, or PHBR)**
- If you are running a UPC panel or a PHBR slide, do not load any other CLIPs or slides in the sample drawer.
- If you are running a NH₃ slide, be sure to load it in the sample drawer before any other CLIPs or slides.
- If you are running a UPC panel, be sure to load both the UCRE and UPRO slides into the sample drawer.
- If you run a special slide without selecting the applicable special slides check box and/or you do not follow the on-screen instructions, your results will be flagged and you may receive inaccurate results.

**Sample Volume Required**
- **Whole Blood**
  - Fill to lowest line on separator (0.7 cc [700 µL]).
- **Serum, Plasma, and Urine**
  - The minimum sample volume required varies depending on the number of slides being run.†

†300 µL is the recommended sample volume when running a Chem 17 CLIP and electrolytes.
Cleaning and Maintenance

Monthly
• Clean optics windows, incubator ring, and white reference tile.
• If there is sample on the centrifuge shield, remove the shield from the analyzer and gently clean it with mild soap and water to remove the residue. Rinse, dry thoroughly, and replace.
• Run quality control on the analyzer after cleaning.

Quarterly
Remove the fan filter and vacuum it thoroughly to remove dirt or dust.

As Needed
• Upgrade your analyzer software promptly.
• Clean the internal components when prompted by the analyzer.
• Clean the outside of the analyzer with a damp (not wet) lint-free cloth. A mild liquid soap will remove grease.
• Always disconnect the power cable before cleaning the analyzer.
• If the screen gets dirty, apply an antistatic screen cleaning agent (NOT ammonia-based) to a clean cloth or paper towel and wipe the screen. Do not spray the cleaner directly onto the screen.
• Clean the interior of the waste drawer with a lint-free cloth dampened with 70% isopropyl alcohol.

To Clean the Internal Components
1. On the Catalyst Dx* touch screen, tap Tools and then tap Clean Analyzer.
2. Open the maintenance access doors.
3. Remove the black whole blood separator carriers, any whole blood separators or sample cups from the sample drawer, and the white centrifuge shield. Then, clean the black carriers and white shield with an IDEXX-supported alcohol prep pad and return them to their positions.
4. Lift the sample drawer assembly by pressing the center latch and lifting up.
5. Remove the carousel by lifting up.
6. Using an IDEXX-supported alcohol prep pad, wipe the incubator ring track in a counterclockwise direction (do not wipe the optics or ion windows at this time). Repeat this step at least three times using a new tissue for each wipe.
7. Clean the optics, ion windows, and reference tile on the carousel using the instructions in step 6.
8. Using a dry optical tissue, dry the optics, ion windows, and reference tile, ensuring all signs of dampness have evaporated from the cleaned components. If streaks or smudges remain, repeat the cleaning process.
9. Replace the carousel.
10. Lower the sample drawer assembly and ensure that it is locked into place.
11. Close the maintenance access doors.
12. On the Catalyst Dx touch screen, tap Done. The analyzer initializes (approximately 5 minutes).

Running Quality Control
1. Tap Instruments on the IDEXX VetLab Station Home screen. The Instruments screen displays.
2. Tap the Catalyst Dx tab.
3. Tap Quality Control.
4. Tap the quality control lot number you are using and tap Run QC.
5. Tap the QC information in the Pending list on the Catalyst Dx Home screen and then tap Load.
6. Follow the on-screen instructions for loading the quality control materials and then tap Run. Once the results are complete, you can view the results using these methods:
   • Tap View in the View Results message (this message displays by default when a run is complete) to access the Records: Test Results screen.
   • Tap the QC run in the Recent Test Results list on the IDEXX VetLab Station Home screen and then tap View.
   • Tap Records on the IDEXX VetLab Station Home screen, select the QC run you want to view, tap View Records, tap the desired test result, and then tap View Results.