



**Congratulations** on your purchase of the Piccolo Xpress™ chemistry analyzer - the premier instrument for lab-accurate point-of-care diagnostics. Soon you'll enjoy state-of-the-art blood chemistry analysis capabilities in your facility.

At Abaxis, we take great pride in providing outstanding service to all of our customers. We would like to initiate our high standards by helping you prepare for a successful installation and training day.

Your live on-site installation and training session has already been scheduled. This session will provide you with all of the training necessary to begin using the Piccolo Xpress™ chemistry analyzer and reagent discs.

**Please be prepared by addressing the items on the list below:**

- Identify a person in your organization who will be the key operator responsible for overseeing all aspects of operation for the Piccolo Xpress™, including running controls. It is required that the key operator be in attendance at the installation and training.
- You will be receiving a set of 3 boxes prior to the installation. These boxes contain:
  - The Piccolo Xpress™ instrument and associated accessories
  - The Piccolo Xpress™ verification samples and controls – (packed with dry ice)
  - The Piccolo Xpress™ reagent discs – (packed with cool-gel packs)
- Ensure your facility has ample refrigeration space to store reagent discs and controls for future use.
- Please ensure that the **reagent discs are refrigerated** as indicated prior to the installation and training date. Refrigerator temperature must be 2-8° C (36-46° F).
- Please ensure that the **verification kit and controls are kept frozen** as indicated prior to the installation and training date. Freezer temperature must be <-20° C (<-4° F).
- If you have not already been contacted by COLA to initiate the process for either a Certificate of Waiver, or to become Moderately Complex certified, please contact them at 1-800-981-9883.
- The Piccolo Xpress™ requires Lithium Heparinized whole blood, serum or plasma for analysis. You will need a supply of Lithium Heparin sample tubes for continued testing. Venapuncture is the recommended method for sample collection

***The following information is for Moderately Complex sites only:***

- Abaxis will be assigning you a certified lab-consultant who will ensure the proper procedures are established according to CMS regulations. The lab consultant will contact your key operator directly.
- You will be required to run 5-days of verification, 10 days of quality control, have an operating procedure manual in place, and ensure that your chemistry specialty has been added to your CLIA license **prior to initiating live patient testing.**
- You will also be required to conduct annual Proficiency Testing under CMS regulations. We encourage you to register with the American Proficiency Institute (API), College of American Pathologists (CAP) or another accredited PT organization as soon as possible. Call API at 1-800-333-0958, or CAP at 1-800-323-4040.

We look forward to serving you. If you should have any questions, or need assistance – please call us at **1-800-822-2947.**

