

## Cooperative Diagnostics Launches New Diagnostic Test for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Associated Virus

Greenwood, SC, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Cooperative Diagnostics, LLC announced today the availability of a new diagnostic assay for Xenotropic Murine Leukemia-Related Virus (XMRV) to assist physicians in the diagnosis of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and other disorders potentially caused by the virus. Testing services will also be made available to the general public.

The Simplex XMRV test identifies patients infected with XMRV. XMRV has been recently identified in 95% of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome patients, in addition to large numbers of patients with Fibromyalgia, Atypical Multiple Sclerosis, and other clinical conditions. Cooperative Diagnostic's XMRV assay is the first diagnostic for the virus to be made available to the public.

"This may well be the fulfillment of a promise that I made a number of years ago to two good friends, who both became ill from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. I saw firsthand the mental anguish they endured by those closest to them including the medical community as they were told their condition could be psychological," said Brent C. Satterfield, Ph.D., President and CEO of Cooperative Diagnostics, LLC. "When we learned that XMRV might have such a high association with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, we immediately became interested in developing a test. Now, my two friends and everyone else who has suffered from the condition can take testing for XMRV into their own hands."

The Cooperative Diagnostics XMRV test is based on its proprietary real-time PCR nucleic acid detection technologies. It is capable of detecting the virus inside of blood cells. The test is available to the public at [www.codiagnostics.com/XMRV/index.php](http://www.codiagnostics.com/XMRV/index.php) for \$399.00. In order to provide quality testing in a high throughput environment, Cooperative Diagnostics has contracted Clinical Reference Laboratory, Inc. (CRL), to process these assays.

CRL's Executive Director of Molecular Diagnostics, Dr. Heather Newkirk, said "this unique technology from Cooperative Diagnostics enables a powerful detection product which synergizes well with CRL's expertise in offering quality molecular services. We look forward to working with Cooperative Diagnostics to provide quality services."

About Cooperative Diagnostics, LLC

Cooperative Diagnostics, founded in January 2008, brings the most advanced molecular diagnostics to the people and nations that need them most. For more information visit [www.codiagnostics.com](http://www.codiagnostics.com)

About Clinical Reference Laboratory, Inc.

Established in 1979, CRL is a privately held reference laboratory in Lenexa, Kansas offering leading-edge testing services in the areas of Clinical Trials, Molecular Diagnostics, Insurance, and Toxicology. CRL is one of the largest singlesite laboratories in the country and analyzes over 80 million tests annually. Additional information is available at [www.crlcorp.com](http://www.crlcorp.com)

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