Tell me about your experience implementing the BÜHLMANN fCAL® turbo assay on your Advia clinical chemistry analyzer?

Initially we used the point-of-care system, this technology was more complex and required skilled technicians. Nowadays, the test is carried out by those who routinely process stool samples. After extraction, the samples are delivered to the clinical chemistry analyzer division and performed without any interference in our laboratory routine.

During the evaluation of the BÜHLMANN fCAL® turbo technology, did you also consider and evaluate other methods?

Yes, we did compare the whole process with other available methods in the market, including sample extraction, preparation and results. Actually, our evaluation included various suppliers, including suppliers of high international reputation. Although these alternatives seemed to be technically simple, the truth is that the number of discrepancies found in our population was too high. And based on the explanations we got, we have decided for the BÜHLMANN technology, which is indeed the first one to appear in the market.

Which extraction method do you use? What is your impression of the technique?

We use the CALEX® extraction device produced by BÜHLMANN. The CALEX® device is of simplicity to all the proof. It has allowed us to have acquainted technicians preparing the samples extracts and deliver them to the analytical chemistry division to be performed during the laboratory routine. We never had problems with this methodology.

*This interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.*