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Helping all people  
live healthy lives

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Dear Valued Partner:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for our continuing relationship with you.

This year at **BD Diagnostics** – Preanalytical Systems, we are pleased to be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BD Vacutainer® Blood Collection Tube.

**It is your loyalty and support that has enabled us to maintain our focus and pursuit of “Helping all people live healthy lives”.**

Back in 1949, the first evacuated tube, the Evacutainer, was devised by the pioneering inventor, Joseph Kleiner, and brought to market by Becton, Dickinson and Company.

Since then, our innovative technologies have expanded to a full offering of products and services to advance the science of *in vitro* diagnostics. Today, the BD Vacutainer® Brand is recognized globally and is used by millions of healthcare professionals like you, benefiting people around the world.

As we commemorate the 60th anniversary of the BD Vacutainer® Tube, we reflect on the many advances that have been made in the field of clinical diagnostics. It is our pledge to stay at the forefront of technological advances and continue to help all people live longer, healthier lives.

Thank you for the vital work you do in patient care and for making a difference in the lives of many people.

**We celebrate and thank you again for choosing BD Vacutainer® as your trusted partner.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom Polen'.

Tom Polen  
President  
**BD Diagnostics** – Preanalytical Systems