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This month's *The Journal of Applied Laboratory Medicine* features the article, "Creation of a Universal Sample Bank for Determining the 99th Percentile for Cardiac Troponin Assays." The article describes the collection of blood from volunteer donors at the 2015 AACC Annual Meeting for the purpose of establishing a sample bank that manufacturers can use to define the 99th percentile cutoffs for their cardiac troponin assays, or to establish reference ranges for other measurands. The challenge with troponin assays has been the definition of comparable reference intervals using different assays and populations of subjects. The cover highlights how every sample counts in contributing to this sample bank. The heart with the Band-Aid symbolizes the cardiac nature of troponin and the importance of the test in diagnosing cardiac ischemia and myocardial infarction.



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