







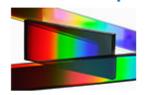


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#### Advances in Optical Filters Provide Rapid, On-the-Go Diagnosis



When it comes to diagnostics, one of the most crucial - and often overlooked - components is the optical filter. But as manufacturing processes improve, optical filters of exceptional quality are being created, which not only deliver accurate results but also open up an entirely new avenue of application in wearable diagnostics.

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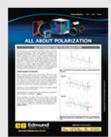


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