



Dennis D. Reinke, MD, FCAP
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(Pictured left to right: Dennis D. Reinke, MD, FCAP; Yvonne Hearn, MD, FCAP, and Robert L. Breckenridge, MD, MBA, FCAP)

“Go-to” Pathologist Dedicated to Patient Care and Colleagues

Each month, regardless of weather constraints, pathologist Dennis D. Reinke, MD, FCAP, travels to Bismarck, North Dakota, to oversee the HLA and Transfusion Service at Medcenter One, which operates an active kidney transplant service. He also works full-time as a pathologist at Pathology Associates in Wichita Falls, Texas. Dedicated to his transplant patients and to his colleagues, as well as to fellow clinicians, Dr. Reinke sacrifices his personal time to provide outstanding patient care in two states.

"I never imagined being recognized for the work I do everyday," said Dr. Reinke.

Dr. Reinke was recently honored by the College of American Pathologists for his service as the HLA and Transfusion Service Director of Medcenter One Health Systems in Bismarck, North Dakota. He also works full-time as a pathologist at Pathology Associates in Wichita Falls, Texas. Yvonne Hearn, MD, FCAP, nominated Dr. Reinke for this award on behalf of their colleagues at Pathology Associates. His rigorous schedule is truly inspiring. Each month, regardless of weather constraints, Dr. Reinke travels to Bismarck to oversee the Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) and Transfusion Service at Medcenter One, which operates an active kidney transplant service.

Dr. Reinke sacrifices his personal time to travel to Bismarck and has spent many hours in the various airports between Wichita Falls and Bismarck. Despite travel frustrations, he remains steadfast in his commitment to his transplant patients and colleagues.

Known for having an exceptional “eye” as a pathologist, Dr. Reinke is often viewed as the “go-to” guy. When his colleagues have a difficult case to diagnose, the group seeks Dr. Reinke’s guidance and input, and he is highly regarded by his medical staff. Patient with his colleagues, Dr. Reinke facilitates learning in a gentle manner.

“His productivity is off-the-charts,” said Dr. Hearn, who noticed his transformative behavior and nominated him for this award. “Dennis quietly does his work and is always available to lend a hand to our associates. He is modest and well-deserving of this award.”

Dr. Reinke is honored as the first recipient of the Pathologist Spotlight Service Award given by the College of American Pathologists (CAP). He received the award for his dedication to the specialty of pathology, and in particular, to the field of immunogenetics and transplant immunology. Dr. Reinke was presented with the award at the CAP Council on Membership and Professional Development luncheon at the Omni Hotel in Austin, Texas, on January 17, 2009.

The award was established to recognize CAP members, who exhibit transformative behavior and deliver exceptional patient care in their community through the specialty of pathology.

“On behalf of the CAP, it is with great pride that we recognize Dr. Reinke’s dedication to delivering outstanding patient care,” said Robert L. Breckenridge, MD, MBA, FCAP, a member of the CAP Board of Governors and chair of the CAP Council on Membership and Professional Development. “His steadfast commitment to the care of his transplant patients and to his colleagues, as well as fellow clinicians, serves as a role model for all.”

Currently, Dr. Reinke serves as the director of the HLA and Transfusion Service of Medcenter One Health Systems in Bismarck, North Dakota. He also works full-time as a pathologist at Pathology Associates. In addition to his dedication to immunogenetics and transplant immunology, Dr. Reinke was recognized for his exceptional work as a pathologist—often serving as a resource to his pathology group.

“It is a tremendous honor to receive the Pathologist Spotlight Service award from the CAP, as well as from my peers at Pathology Associates,” said Dr. Reinke. “Being recognized for the services that help patients in Bismarck and Wichita Falls is humbling.”

Dr. Reinke earned his BS in natural sciences, graduating summa cum laude, from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. He received his MD from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Loma Linda, California, where he also completed his internship and residency in anatomical and clinical pathology. In addition, Dr. Reinke completed a fellowship in blood bank/transfusion medicine at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Reinke is a diplomate of the American Board of Pathology in both anatomic and clinical pathology, as well as blood banking and immunohematology.

Currently, Dr. Reinke resides in Wichita Falls, Texas, with his wife, Patsy, and their two children.