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number
is a life.™



Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP)

Assuring Excellence in Patient Safety and Compliance

CAP accreditation is a distinct honor bestowed upon nearly 7,000 laboratories in more than 40 countries and 97 percent of top U.S. hospitals.

The CAP's Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) is the most respected and recognized accreditation program in the world. Throughout the decades, there has been tremendous growth in the number of LAP-accredited labs which verifies the pathology community's trust in the CAP to promote continuous quality improvement. There is no other program in the world that exhibits the same quality and integrity as the CAP's LAP program.

- Exceeds CMS regulatory requirements
- Provides a solid foundation for quality practices
- Leads in developing requirements for molecular oncology, cytogenetics and reproductive medicine
- Fosters the highest standards of excellence, positively impacting patient care

Our members, customers and CAP leadership develop the resources we share with the entire laboratory community. We evolve with technology and offer the most advanced educational programs. By achieving

CAP accreditation, LAP participants alleviate risk and enhance patient safety. Program requirements incorporate the rapidly evolving techniques and methods available in each discipline.

Partnership Process

LAP is an on-going, collaborative process between the CAP and your staff.

- Verify compliance on a two-year cycle
- Assess the overall quality of the laboratory
- Identify areas of laboratory performance improvement
- Provide answers, support and ensure patient safety

We incorporate compliance assessment and process improvement into each step of the two-year accreditation cycle. The discipline-specific CAP Inspection Checklists, the blueprint of quality practices for laboratories to follow, constantly evolve to reflect changes in technology and are tailored to each laboratory's scope of testing.

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We monitor Proficiency Testing (PT) results on a regular basis and remain accessible as a resource and mentor. After one year, laboratories perform a self-assessment to assure quality improvement. This process offers continual, optimal laboratory performance.

Distinct Options for Your Distinct Operations

LAP is the only program that covers the complete array of disciplines and testing procedures available in all of today's laboratory environments.

- Integrated delivery networks
- Reference laboratories
- Stand-alone medical centers
- Physician office laboratories

Our LAP System Inspection program allows you to deliver accurate, standardized service throughout any integrated laboratory operation. The CAP also works in cooperation with medical societies and regulatory agencies to meet the accreditation needs of specialty laboratories.

Enhanced Learning as a Peer Inspector

The CAP is the only full-service, comprehensive accrediting agency that utilizes practicing laboratory professionals to complete LAP inspections. Through this system of inter-laboratory reciprocity, your staff will continually learn new skills while serving as part of an inspection team.

LAP inspection team leaders are practicing pathologists with years of experience and specific CAP lab inspection training.

Advancing Excellence in Quality and Care

Participating laboratories rely on the CAP's expertise to assure high-quality peer inspections focused on implementing best practices.

CAP accreditation is the choice that top laboratories of every size acknowledge. By selecting our expertise – the resource of more than 17,000 pathologists – you assure laboratory quality and the highest available level of patient care.



CAP LAP Distinct Features

- Practicing pathologist inspection team leaders
- Educationally-based peer inspections
- Specialty, integrated delivery network and multi-site accreditation programs
- e-LAB Solutions suite of tools for on-going quality monitoring