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### **Community Hospital Laboratory Awarded Re-accreditation from College of American Pathologists**

Community Hospital Laboratory, Grand Junction, Colorado, has again received the prestigious designation, of *Accredited Laboratory*, by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection. The Laboratory has been continuously CAP accredited for more than fifteen years.

Dean Havlik, MD, Community Hospital laboratory medical director, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the “excellence of the services being provided”. Community Hospital Laboratory joins the more than 6,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

“This validates what we’re here for, to provide the highest quality patient care,” Dr. Havlik stated. “Laboratory services drive 80 percent of clinical decisions from diagnosis through therapy and prognosis. Our goal is to consistently improve the quality of clinical laboratory services and to ensure the accuracy and reliability of all test results.”

During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory’s records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff’s qualifications, the laboratory’s equipment, facilities, safety program and record, as well as the overall management of the laboratory. This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for the laboratory’s patients.

Widely recognized as the “gold standard,” the CAP’s Laboratory Inspection and Accreditation Program has served as a model for various federal, state and private laboratory accreditation programs worldwide. CAP is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician members and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.

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