

News Release

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KDL Pathology Receives College of American Pathologists Accreditation

KDL Pathology | Knoxville Dermatopathology Lab announced today that its CLIA-registered laboratory has been accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) following a recent onsite inspection by the Accreditation Committee of CAP. The CAP Accreditation Program is generally recognized as being more stringent than the federal government's own inspection program and the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has granted it deeming authority.

"We are pleased to again receive accreditation by the CAP as a reflection of our ongoing commitment to quality at KDL," said the laboratory's director and founder, Paul B. Googe, MD. "Our clients and their patients are our top priority, and they rely on the accuracy of our diagnosis to make treatment decisions. This national recognition is an important achievement for our laboratory as we continue to provide advanced testing for melanoma, blistering and other skin-related conditions."

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program is an internationally recognized program for certifying laboratory quality, and inspections are conducted by practicing laboratory professionals. CAP inspectors examine laboratory records, quality control procedures, staff qualifications, facilities, safety programs and overall management of the laboratory. The program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients.

About KDL Pathology and Knoxville Dermatopathology Laboratory

KDL Pathology is a privately-held specialty pathology group that offers rapid, comprehensive testing for skin and ophthalmic disease through its laboratory division, Knoxville Dermatopathology Laboratory. KDL is the only dermatopathology laboratory in East TN and receives requests for expert consultation from other laboratories and pathologists nationwide. In addition, KDL's Specialty Lab division offers women's health skin biopsy and general anatomic pathology testing for breast and gynecology-related issues. KDL is certified by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA), accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), and licensed by the state of Tennessee. For more information, visit www.kdlpathology.com.

About the College of American Pathologists

The College of American Pathologists (CAP) is a medical society that serves more than 17,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists 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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