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## Cap laboratory accreditation manual

June 04, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time NORTHFIELD, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The College of American Pathologists (CAP) has released a 2020 edition of its Laboratory Accreditation Program checklists on June 4, 2020. CAP inspectors use checklists, with about 3,000 requirements, during inspections to ensure that laboratories comply with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations and achieve accreditation. CMS regulates all laboratory studies, except human studies in the U.S. through clinical laboratory improvement changes (CLIA). The CAP is a CMS-approved accreditation organization which recognizes that it is authorized to inspect laboratories under the CLIA. The CAP program is based on stringent accreditation standards, which are translated into specific checklist requirements organized into 21 discipline-specific checklists. CAP inspection teams use them as a guide to assess the overall management and operation of the laboratory. 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About College of Pathologists As the world's largest organization of pathologists certified by the board and a leading provider of laboratory accreditation programs and proficiency tests, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) serves patients, pathologists and the public by supporting and supporting in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine around the world. As a 501(c)(6) member organization, the CAP is the only entity representing pathologists with unlimited support capacity and pathpac's political action committee. For more information, visit [yourpathologist.org](http://yourpathologist.org) to observe pathologists at work and see the stories of patients who trust them under their care. Read the CAP annual report. College of American Pathologists Abbreviation CAP Type NGL Legal status 501(c)(6) Nonprofit Purpose Physician Membership, Advocacy, Laboratory Improvement, and The Accreditation Headquarters Northfield Laboratory, Illinois Incontaminates About 18,000 President Patrick E. Godbey, MD, FCAP CEO Stephen Myers Staff Approximately 650 Website College of American Pathologists (CAP) is a member of a physician organization founded in 1946 covering about 18,000 board certified pathologists. It serves patients, pathologists and the public [1] by supporting and promoting best practices in pathology and laboratory medicine. It is the world's largest association consisting exclusively of pathologists certified by the American Board of Pathology [3] and is widely regarded as a leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate of high-quality and cost-effective medical care. [4] The CAP currently controls and accredits medical laboratories under the supervision of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Their standards have been called the most difficult and demanding in the medical industry. [5] The CAP provides resources and guidance to laboratories applying for accreditation in programmes for biorepositories, genomics, ISO 15189 and others. In November 2008, Piedmont Medical Laboratory in Winchester, Virginia became the first laboratory in the United States to be officially accredited under ISO 15189. The CAP provides accreditation and proficiency testing to medical laboratories through its laboratory solutions programs. Early versions of proficiency tests - known as surveys - that laboratories use to test and ensure accuracy were first initiated in 1949. Laboratories were first accredited by the CAP in 1964 [8] and the organization was later granted accreditation for medical laboratories as a result of the 1988 clinical laboratory improvement changes (CLIA). [9] The CAP publishes checklists containing requirements for laboratory testing. The all common checklist (COM) contains a basic set of requirements that apply to all areas of the tests and laboratory procedures to be carried out. [10] Some requirements exist both in the COM checklist and in the discipline-specific checklist, but with a different checklist note that has more specific requirements. In such situations, the discipline-specific requirement takes precedence over the COM requirement. [10] List COM also describes the requirements for analytical validation/verification of the performance specifications of the accuracy, precision, scope to be notified) which laboratories must perform for each test, method or instrument system before being used in patient examinations. [10] The CAP opened a Washington, DC, office in 1970 [8] and advocating pathology in a legal and policy-oriented nature remains the organization's primary mission, both through direct actions and programs that connect pathologists to lawmakers. The CAP Foundation is the charitable arm of the organization and is classified as a charity 501(c)(3). Its flagship program, See, Test & Treat, works with hospitals and doctors to provide free screening for cancer and HPV, as well as educational events, for underserved communities. In 2017, more than 900 women worked in the program. [12] See also Anatomical Pathology Clinical Pathology Systematized Nomenclature Of Medical References ^ Annual Report - College of American Pathologists. Annual Report - College of American Pathologists. Source: 2020-10-05. ↑ The College of American Pathologists (CAP) publishes its 2016 Annual Report detailing progress in improving patient care, advocating specialty and advancing quality. 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