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Our Mission

The mission of the Laboratory of Pathology (LP) of the National Cancer Institute is to achieve the highest level of quality in research, diagnostics, and education.

Research

We support the research mission of the NCI and the NIH by:

- · investigating the biology and genetics of cancer and other diseases
- developing and applying leading edge technology to diagnostic pathology
- providing collaborative support for clinical research protocols

In this endeavor we value scientific originality, integrity, and productivity while maintaining the highest level of ethical principles.

Diagnostics & Clinical Service

We take responsibility for all anatomic pathology services for the NIH as well as others who seek our expertise through consultation. Our goal is to provide the most accurate diagnostic interpretation in the most efficient manner, supported by a commitment to quality improvement.

Education & Mentorship

Through the training of residents and fellows in diagnostics and research, we create future leaders in clinical and experimental pathology. As an organization, we share our expertise and teaching with the clinical and scientific community.

Accreditation and Certification

The Laboratory of Pathology's clinical sections are maintains a Certificate of Accreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) for all disciplines involved with reporting patient reports for moderate- and high-complexity testing. LP is certified pursuant to the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and adheres to any federal, state or local laws that have jurisdiction on LP's functions. LP adheres to statutes that govern the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institutes of Health, and the NIH Clinical Center. Documentation is available to anyone who requests this information.

- · Certificates are available:
 - O College of American Pathologists (CAP) Certificate
 - Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate
 - Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)

These certificates can also be FAXED upon request by calling (301) 480-8470.

If there are questions or concerns about safety or quality of services with the Laboratory of Pathology or its staff, please contact the Medical Director or Clinical Manager.

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