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Cannon's Laboratory Receives Accreditation from The College of American Pathologists

Pickens, SC- Cannon Memorial Hospital's Laboratory recently received accreditation from The College of American Pathologists (CAP). The accreditation process is an internationally recognized program and the only one of its kind that utilizes teams of practicing laboratory professionals as inspectors. Designed to go well beyond regulatory compliance, the program helps laboratories achieve the highest standards of excellence to positively impact patient care. "We chose to become CAP accredited because it allows a greater exchange of information and ideas and felt that both the hospital's lab and the patients would benefit by having the lab go through the process and maintain the standards," said Marti Ward, Director of Lab Services at Cannon. "CAP is considered the gold standard when it comes to accreditations."

The goal of the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program is to improve patient safety by advancing the quality of pathology and laboratory services through education, standard setting, and ensuring laboratories meet or exceed regulatory requirements. Upon successful completion of the inspection process, the laboratory is awarded CAP accreditation and becomes part of an exclusive group of more than 6,000 laboratories worldwide that have met the highest standards of excellence.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has granted the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program deeming authority. It is also recognized by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), and can be used to meet many state certification requirements. The CAP also provides laboratory accreditation to forensic urine drug testing and reproductive laboratories, co-sponsored with the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM).