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ospital receives accreditation

Showing off the latest feather in the cap of the Gulf Coast Medical Center, from left, Lance Svatek, Director of Cardiopulmonary Services; Janice Harbich, Director of Laboratory Services; and Kim D. Murphy, M.D., display the certificate of accreditation present to the hospital by the College of American Pathologists.

GCMC receives accreditation from College of American Pathologists

Gulf Coast Medical Center's Medical Laboratory and Cardiopulmonary ABG Laboratory have been awarded accreditations 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 directors were advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided." Gulf Coast Medical Center Medical Laboratory and Cardiopulmonary ABG Laboratory are two of the more than 7,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

Both laboratories, under the direction of Kim D. Murphy, M.D., were recognized for providing quality laboratory services. "These outstanding results are due to the continuous dedication and hard work of the laboratory directors, Janice Harbich and Lance Svatek, and each and every staff mem-

ber of these laboratories," said Dr. Murphy. "The laboratory personnel have worked tirelessly not only to achieve a successful inspection but to provide unsurpassed service to the patients and physicians of GCMC. It is a privilege and honor to work with every one of these dedicated professionals. The inspection results recognize their effort."

Janice Harbich, Director of the Medical Laboratory, and Lance Svatek, Director of the Cardiopulmonary ABG Laboratory, agreed with Dr. Murphy. "The technologists, technicians, therapists, phlebotomists and clerical staff work very hard to maintain the high standards of the CAP and we appreciate each one of them for the great job they do."

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960's, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors evaluate the laboratory's management and quality control of procedures for the preceding years. CAP inspectors examine laboratory qualifications, as well as the laboratory's equipment, facilities, safety program and record, in addition to the management of the laboratory. This stringent inspection program is designed to specify and ensure the highest standards of care for the laboratory patients.

The College of American Pathologists (CAP) is a national society that serves more than 17,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest accreditation organization composed exclusively of Board-certified pathologists and is widely considered a leader in laboratory accreditation assurance. More information about the CAP can be found at www.cap.org.