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**TRANSLATIONAL PATHOLOGY CORE LABORATORY-UCLA
BIOREPOSITORY
RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM
COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS**

The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) has awarded accreditation to the Translational Pathology Core Laboratory- UCLA Biorepository, Los Angeles, California based on results of a recent on-site inspection as part of the CAP's Accreditation Programs.

The facility's director, Sarah M. Dry, MD, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided. Translational Pathology Core Laboratory- UCLA Biorepository is one of more than 7,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

The CAP, first in the industry to offer an accreditation program for biorepositories, bases the program on the principles of its Laboratory Accreditation Program. The U.S. federal government recognizes the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, as being equal-to or more-stringent-than the government's own inspection program. Currently, there is no federal mandate for biorepository accreditation.

The CAP Biorepository Accreditation process, a three-year accreditation cycle, includes on-site inspection, desk review, and optional education modules and gap assessment. As part of the on-site inspection, the CAP uses Accreditation Checklists to provide a comprehensive and up-to-date blueprint of quality practices to assist biorepositories in improving their operations and ensure quality. Further, a desk review offers a remote review of a biorepository's quality management plan, certain procedures and select quality and process statistics. The program is designed to ensure the highest standard of patient care.

During the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall laboratory management.

About the College of American Pathologists

The College of American Pathologists (CAP), celebrating 50 years as the gold standard in laboratory accreditation, is a medical society serving more than 18,000 physician members and the global laboratory community. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of board-certified pathologists and is the worldwide leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP advocates accountable, high-quality, and cost-effective patient care. More information about the CAP can be found at www.cap.org.