

The UCLA Health Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine continues to make strides in its international collaborative lab in China. With assistance from members of the Chemistry and Outreach laboratory services divisions, including Dr. Lu Song and Ofelia "Pia" Berina, staff in the Shanghai-based laboratory were meticulously trained on instrument and assay validation and recently successfully launched the first set of live chemistry services for patient care.

To date the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine has spearheaded multiple successful onsite initiatives/visits through the Shanghai lab including process improvement audits by Arnold Scheer and Chris Khacherian, quality management system training by Ann Shadler, and local and regional partnerships leveraging service agreements with UCLA by Drs. Scott Binder, Serge Alexanian, Haodong Xu, and Jianyu Rao, including hospital systems in Yancheng and Zhengzhou. Earlier in the year, staff members from Shanghai underwent extensive training in section-specific quality management and technical operations on-site at UCLA HQ.