THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE SPECIALTY OF PATHOLOGY

The CAP’s multiyear campaign to transform the pathology specialty continues to gain momentum and is now transitioning to its final trajectory. Transformation refers to collective efforts currently underway at the CAP to affirm and increase pathologists’ value to patients and other health care stakeholders and to secure pathologists’ future as leaders in 21st century medicine.

The transformation of the specialty will have an enormous impact on the way pathologists practice; how clinical colleagues, patients, and others in the medical community perceive them, and; how reimbursement for pathologist services is structured.

The College is supporting pathologists as we:
- Diversify and expand our services
- Focus on value, not volume
- Reassert our role as physicians
- Prepare for new payment and care delivery models

The CAP’s “Case for Change” transformation agenda is predicated on direction from our membership regarding priorities. It is a multi-year strategy, developed in response to the unprecedented health care costs, emerging technological developments, market force changes, and emerging health care delivery models that are redefining the physician’s role around patient outcomes.

The College launched the Case for Change in 2010. Four major research modules have been working to define new and expanded roles for pathologists, identify gaps, business models, and success stories, and to map pathways to the future:

1. Pathology and Related Workforce Supply and Demand
2. Pathologist Value Proposition: Roles and Value Created
3. Pathology Practice and Service Models: Evolution and Economics
4. Timing and Impact of New and Emerging Technologies

These four modules are now closing. Consequently the final phase beginning in Q1 2012 transitions to an integrated analysis and team that will blend the module data with other transformation initiatives to provide data driven transformation points of view and investment opportunities. Each will support the pathologist in redefining their value to patients, colleagues, policy-makers, institutions, and payers strengthening the pathologist’s position as a key physician member of the clinical care team.
Key transformation initiatives now underway at the CAP include:

The Center
The CAP Pathology & Laboratory Quality Center is a forum for developing evidence-based guidelines related to the practice of pathology. The Center ensures quality in diagnostic medicine, its linkage with patient outcomes, and demonstrates the role of the pathologist in improving quality and contributing to patient care.

In February, the Center published in Archives the CAP/ADASP “Effective Communication of Urgent or Significant Unexpected Diagnoses in Surgical Pathology and Cytopathology.” This timely guideline addresses one of the National Quality Forum’s 2011 Serious Reportable Events in Healthcare - “Patient death or serious injury resulting from failure to follow up or communicate laboratory, pathology, or radiology test results.”

Together with our many guideline partners ASCCP, ADASP, AMP, ASCO, ASH, ASCP, IASLC, and NSH - we continue to advance the transformation of the specialty by our guideline work prioritizing patient safety and laboratory quality.

Center guidelines in process include:

**CAP/IASLC/AMP Molecular Testing Guidelines for Selection of Lung Cancer Patients for EGFR and ALK Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors**
Collaboration with the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer and the Association for Molecular Pathology
To determine proper test selection and techniques for non-small cell lung cancer biomarker tests as related to appropriate therapies for lung cancer patients. Look for this guideline later this year.

**CAP/ASCCP Standardization of Lower Anogenital Squamous Terminology**
Collaboration with American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology
To harmonize terminology across the various lower anogenital tract sites with evidence-based knowledge on HPV related lesions. Look for this guideline later this year.

**CAP Recommendations for Validating Whole Slide Imaging for Diagnostic Pathology**
To develop principles to assist pathologists in properly validating WSI digital imaging systems. Look for this guideline later this year.

**CAP Immunohistochemistry Assay Analytic Validation Principles**
To address the procedures that laboratories should perform to analytically validate IHC tests prior to implementation.

**CAP/ASH Algorithm for Initial Work-up of Acute Leukemia**
Collaboration with the American Society of Hematology
To provide recommended testing for the initial work-up for proper diagnosis, determination of prognostic factors and for possible future monitoring of acute leukemias, including AML, ALL and mixed phenotype acute leukemia in children and adults.

**ASCP/CAP/AMP/ASCO Molecular Markers for the Evaluation of Colorectal Cancer.**
Collaboration with the American Society for Clinical Pathology, Association for Molecular Pathology and the American Society of Clinical Oncology
To primarily address laboratory test performance, but also include clinical applications, international aspects, genetics community and public health perspective.

**CAP/ADASP Interpretive Diagnostic Error Reduction in Surgical Pathology**
Collaboration with the Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology
To address diagnostic errors with an intent to improve accuracy resulting in better patient care.

**CAP Bone Marrow Synoptic Reporting for Hematologic Neoplasms**
To address the highly variable reporting methodologies to provide clear, appropriate reporting for patient safety, treatment, and prognosis.

**CAP/NSH Uniform Labeling Requirements for Surgical Pathology**
Collaboration with the National Society for Histotechnology
To address the non-systematic methods of labeling slides in order to reduce errors.

Visit the Center and view all CAP Transformation initiatives on the Transformation News Network (tNN) website (cap.org/transformation).

**CAP Policy Roundtable**
The CAP Policy Roundtable supports the transformation of pathology and laboratory medicine by developing timely, well-researched public policy analysis; raising the visibility of pathology within the public policy community and proposing consensus-based, proactive public policy positions focused on the evolving health care finance and delivery system. The Policy Roundtable aspires to be a forward-looking service to health care policymakers that shows what pathologists do and how we can contribute in our evolving health system.

The research, analysis, and policies we develop will be data driven and underscore credibility. They will keep patient safety and improvements in health care quality front and center. Over time, CAP public policy papers will establish the College as a go-to source of solid research and sound policy direction.

**FEDERAL AND STATE ADVOCACY**
The College’s advocacy efforts are focused on a “Now and Future” agenda—one that strives to mitigate against pending policy actions that negatively impact CAP members, while at the same time begins to establish a future role for pathologists in the coordinated care model. The College will also advance other important issues as long they don’t impede progress on the pathology “Now and Future” agenda.

**CAP Consults with National pathology Organizations on Advocacy Agenda**
Leaders from CAP’s Council on Government and Professional Affairs met on February 3 with leaders of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), American Pathology Foundation (APF), United States and Canadian Association of Pathology (USCAP), Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP), American Society for Cytopathology (ASC), National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) and the Association of Pathology Chairs.
(APC) and reached agreements for common positioning on a number of policy issues, including placement of the new molecular pathology codes on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule; support for legislation to relieve pathologists from Meaningful Use penalties; avoid confronting FDA on LDTs, collaborate and execute a joint advocacy plan on GME funding.

**SGR, TC-Grandfather, CLFS**
On February 17, Congress passed H.R. 3630, the Middle Class Tax Reform and Job Creation Act of 2012, which extended the Medicare 2011 Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula through 2012, and averted a scheduled 27.4% cut in Medicare physician pay for 10-months at a cost of $18 billion. Citing the need to offset the cost of the SGR patch, Congress cut or reduced payments to a number of Medicare programs. Among them was the TC grandfather provision, which costs Medicare an estimated $80 million per year and will be phased out by July 1, 2012. Payments to the clinical laboratory fee schedule were reduced by $2.7 billion. The TC grandfather is priority issue for the CAP, and one that continues to have support in Congress. The College is currently exploring options with its Congressional allies to have the program reinstated. There are currently two bills before Congress, one in the House and one in the Senate, that would make the TC grandfather a permanent program.

**Self-Referral**
In the fall, the College launched a major fly-in campaign to try to persuade the Super Committee to include a ban on self-referral in its deficit reduction package. Momentum on the issue slowed with the collapse of the Super Committee. Nevertheless the issue continues to be a top priority for CAP Members and the College will continue to advocate on multiple fronts to eliminate or curtail self referral arrangements.

**Accountable Care Organizations (ACO)**
Interest in ACOs and collaborative care remains high at the federal and state levels and in the private sector with ACO implementation accelerating across the country. In total, about half of States have enacted ACO or ACO-like legislation or are considering doing so. Payers continue to launch accountable care initiatives and have begun to convey early results where available. The College is getting good traction increasing the visibility of pathologists in the coordinated care context through participation in the Brookings Roundtable, ACO Learning Network, on panels at the national ACO forum, with the Office of the National Coordinator for health Information Technology (ONC), and at the state level in Massachusetts. The CAP Policy Roundtable is currently preparing a white paper on pathologists' roles in ACOs.

**HIT Meaningful Use**
The College’s efforts to prevent pathologists from being penalized for non-participation in the CMS Meaningful Use program are beginning to bear fruit. Both Congress and CMS proposed separate solutions recently that would shield pathologists from Medicare payment penalties for failing to participate in the Meaningful Use program by 2015. Rep. Tom Price MD (R-GA-6) and Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI-3) introduced CAP crafted legislation in February, to provide pathologists' relief from meaningful use (MU) penalties. CAP will advocate for its passage. More recently, CMS issued the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Stage 2 of MU which invited comment on granting exceptions to eligible providers who meet certain criteria. CAP is working on a response to the Proposed Rule.
Annual Policy Meeting
The CAP will host its annual policy meeting May 7-9, 2012 at The Fairmont in Washington, DC. The three-day program will feature a combination of nationally recognized plenary speakers, educational panels, networking opportunities for attendees, and individual meetings between CAP Members and their respective Members of Congress. At the 2012 Policy Meeting, CAP will present its initial findings of the Case for Change modules, and translate those findings into actionable policy “asks” that will be assimilated into the College’s Now and Future Advocacy Agenda. CAP Members will learn about the broad challenges facing the profession and specific policy changes necessary to enable the profession to meet the challenges in an evolving health care system. CAP Members will be provided background and talking points on specific issues that will enable them to become advocates for changes in policy when they visit their respective Members of Congress on Capitol Hill.

CAP LEARNING
The CAP is the leading resource for information and education in the practice and science of pathology and laboratory medicine. Leading medical and scientific experts develop the education content on standards, best practices, and innovation in test selection, disease diagnosis, and patient therapies. The curriculum of over 300 courses offers pathologists and laboratory professionals with the “take home and use” tools and resources to:

- Continually improve their scientific and practice skills
- Meet licensure and re-certification requirements
- Prepare for new and enhanced roles

Over the past few years, the College has launched several new programs that build and maintain the competencies of pathologists and laboratory professionals. The CAP Advanced Practical Pathology Program allows pathologists to demonstrate special knowledge and skill in select practice areas. The College also offers an expanding menu of challenging self-assessment modules to help ABP diplomates meet Maintenance of Certification requirements. The Competency Assessment Program presents opportunities for laboratory professionals to test their knowledge in 11 different laboratory disciplines and helps the laboratory satisfy CLIA requirements.

Here is an overview of CAP’s key educational offerings and initiatives:

Competency Model for Pathologists
The Competency Model is based on the American Board of Medical Specialties’ MOC competency categories. In 2010, the CAP identified the need to more fully develop the competencies first defined in 2005 and the Competency Model for Pathologists was created. The CAP intends this model to serve as a guide for pathologists in career planning, practice re-tooling, meeting MOC requirements, preparing for board recertification, planning CME, and/or targeting performance improvement.

Learning Portal
Launched in October 2011, the CAP Learning Portal provides streamlined access to new and improved learning options and resources available through the CAP as well as external organizations. The purpose of this new portal is to provide pathologists with the ability to more effectively plan and manage their learning. The portal offers access to the Competency Model for Pathologists and two new tools—the Personal Progress Check and My Learning Plan. The Personal Progress Check allows pathologists to complete a
self-check on their current knowledge and skills based on interests, needs, and desired proficiency levels and to identify and prioritize their specific learning goals. My Learning Plan allows them to develop and manage their individual learning goals, find and add related learning options and track progress toward achieving those goals.

**Maintenance of Certification**
As an ABP-approved provider, the CAP is committed to helping pathologists meet the lifelong learning requirements of Maintenance of Certification and is working to ensure that its CME and SAM programs address learning needs across the six competency categories as defined by the ABMS and endorsed by the ABP. The College offers programs that meet MOC Part IV requirements through its Laboratory Improvement Programs. Visit the ABP’s web site [www.abpath.org](http://www.abpath.org) for a list of approved programs.

The CAP launched a service called MyMOC.com, which provides CAP members with a single resource offering clear answers about MOC requirements and how those requirements affect individual pathologists. The service alerts members to any changes in MOC requirements and reminds individual members of upcoming MOC deadlines for compliance and reporting. It is provided at no cost to CAP members. All CAP members who pass their boards after 2006 are automatically enrolled in the program.

**Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs)**
The CAP SAM Committee continues to focus on increasing the volume of SAMs available across topic areas. Fifty-one SAM activities (154.75 CME/SAM credits) were released in 2011; 70 SAMs (175 CME/SAM credits) are planned for 2012. CAP SAMs are offered with select CAP Annual Meeting courses, in conjunction with the Archives of Pathology journal, as part of the Advanced Practical Pathology Programs and Laboratory Accreditation Program education, and as individual online activities.

The Canadian Association of Pathology CAP-APC recently approved CAP SAMs in meeting the standards for Royal College Maintenance of Certification Self Assessment credit. As of February 2012, thirteen CAP SAMs award CPD credit. The list is expected to grow to 37 SAMs by this spring. In addition, an article appeared on the CAP-ACP website in December by incoming president, Vina Alexopoulou, MD, FRCPC, highlighting the cooperation between CAP and CAP-ACP on accreditation of education programs. The link for the article is [http://cap-acp.org/cap-in-action.cfm?capInActionID=48](http://cap-acp.org/cap-in-action.cfm?capInActionID=48).

**Advanced Practical Pathology Programs**
The programs provide practical learning on existing and emerging pathology practice and technologies, and allow pathologists to demonstrate special knowledge and skills in select practice areas. Programs include:

- Breast Predictive Factors Testing (BPFT)
- Multidisciplinary Breast Pathology
- Laboratory Medical Director
- Prostate Pathology (in development)
- Pulmonary Pathology (in development)
- Renal Pathology (in development)
- Ultrasound Guided Fine Needle Aspiration (USFNA)

**CAP'12 Education Program**
The CAP'12 education program includes over a hundred courses across a broad menu of Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and Practice Management topics. Pulmonary
pathology is this year’s scientific track. The program begins Sunday morning with the Breakthroughs in Molecular Testing of Lung Cancer scientific plenary. Program highlights include Transformation courses, video microscopy tutorials for residents, interactive learning and a virtual conference option planned with select sold out courses.

**Clinical Pathology Improvement Program (CPIP)**

The Clinical Pathology Improvement Program (CPIP) is a monthly online performance improvement program designed for practicing anatomic and clinical pathologists and residents who wish to elevate their administrative, analytic, diagnostic, and interpretive skills, as well as improve the overall clinical pathology quality and performance of their laboratories. The program provides case study topics in hematology, coagulation, immunology, transfusion medicine, microbiology, chemistry, molecular genetic pathology, and laboratory management. Each case offers 1.25 CME/SAM credits to meet ABP’s MOC Part II (Life-Long Learning and Self-Assessment) requirements. CPIP is an approved program for Part IV (Evaluation of Performance in Practice Requirements) requirements as well.

**Educational Opportunities Promoting Enhanced Services for Pathologists**

Under the Case-for-Change initiative, the College will offer a new webinar series in April 2012 targeted at promoting wider adoption of current value-added services that will impact the way pathologists practice and how clinical colleagues, patients, and others in the medical community perceive them. Initial topics include integrated reports, consultation with clinicians on test selection and interpretation, and ACO opportunities. Each session focuses on describing the service, strategies for implementing the service and a call to action inviting participants to begin implementing the service. The webinar series includes online collaboration communities that provide a convenient mechanism for participants and faculty to share implementation experiences, challenges, suggestions and successes.

**USCAP Cooperating Society**

The College has sponsored an education symposium at the USCAP Annual Meeting since 2000. This year’s program—Bridging the Divide between Molecular and Surgical Pathology—is scheduled on Saturday, March 18 from 8:00 AM –12:00 PM. Dr. Terence Colgan and Dr. Jennifer Hunt will moderate the symposium. Topics covered in the symposium include pre-analytic variables in specimen processing, new test paradigm benefits, appropriateness of testing, and “make or buy” decisions.

**Virtual Informatics College (VIC)**

The VIC is a series of online courses focusing on pathology informatics. Five courses are available that address digital cameras and imaging, LIS fundamentals, interfaces and middleware, telepathology and whole slide imaging, the electronic medical record, and meaningful use of EHR.

**Laboratory Accreditation Program Curriculum**

The Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) curriculum supports pathologists and laboratory and biorepository professionals in preparing to inspect facilities and maintain continuous compliance within their own facilities. It is an internationally recognized program based on the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Standards.

Designed to go well beyond regulatory compliance, the program provides a solid foundation for quality practices and helps laboratories, and now biorepositories, achieve the highest standards of excellence to positively impact patients.
• **Inspector Training**
Inspector training includes online team leader and team member initial training and update/review courses.

• **LAP Continuous Compliance Series**
The 2011 LAP Audio and Web conference series includes 10 events. Discipline-specific as well as general topics help pathologists and laboratory professionals stay current with laboratory accreditation requirements and enhance everyday laboratory operations.

• **International Workshops**
International accreditation sessions emphasize the benefits of laboratory accreditation and provide basic guidelines for complying with accreditation requirements. Sites for 2012 workshops include China, India and the Middle East.

• **International Inspector Certification Program**
New in 2011, the International Inspector Certification Program provides a comprehensive training program to laboratory professionals from accredited international laboratories to enable them to serve as inspection team members. To date, 48 participants have attended the live training seminars in Beijing, China and Mumbai, India.

• **Biorepository Accreditation Inspector Training Program**
To support the philosophy of peer review and the launch of the new CAP Accreditation Program for Biorepositories, the CAP is offering a one-day live inspector training seminar in February 2012 and another in conjunction with the International Society for Biological & Environmental Repositories (ISBER) in May. Although modeled after the CAP’s Laboratory Accreditation Program, the CAP Accreditation Program for Biorepositories has unique requirements and processes.

• **Specialty Workshops**
The CAP offers workshops in conjunction with other organizations’ events that provide overall information on the inspection process and/or focus on the unique inspection needs of discipline-specific sections of the laboratory. For 2012, workshops will be presented at the Clinical Laboratory Management Association and Society of Armed Forces Medical Laboratory Scientists.

• **CAP 15189**
In 2008, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) launched a laboratory accreditation program based on the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 15189 standard for medical laboratories. This voluntary, non-regulated accreditation does not replace CAP’s CLIA-based Laboratory Accreditation Program, but rather complements CAP accreditation and other quality systems. CAP 15189 focuses on optimizing processes to:

• Improve patient care
• Strengthen the deployment of quality standards
• Reduce errors and risk, control costs

CAP 15189 currently has 31 laboratory clients in the accreditation program, with some providing opportunities for multiple sites. Sixteen are accredited laboratories.
To support the accreditation program and to promote quality management in laboratories, CAP 15189 has created and released a new series of education modules. The series is CAP market branded as QMEd™ Online Educational Courses.

The courses are delivered online via a highly interactive user interface that allows users to learn at their own pace.

CAP offers six-month licenses to the courses. During this time, users may view the courses as often as they like, and share their login with anyone in their laboratory. Each course is $325.

Seven courses are available:
- 15189 Walkthrough
- QMS Implementation Roadmap
- Root Cause Analysis
- Internal Auditing
- Document Control
- Quality Manual Development
- Management Review

For more information, go to cap.org/QMEd

QUALITY MANAGEMENT TOOLS
The CAP’s comprehensive collection of Quality Management Tools (QMT) strengthens your knowledge of key laboratory processes, identifies quality improvement opportunities, and provides the information you need for effective laboratory management. The CAP’s QMTs help you:

- Identify quality improvement opportunities and monitor progress over time
- Establish realistic goals for your laboratory using a set of customized external benchmarks
- Demonstrate the ability to meet accreditation requirements

The CAP’s QMTs include:
- Q-PROBES™ In-Depth Quality Assessment Program
- Q-TRACKS® Continuous Quality Monitoring Program
- Q-MONITORS™ Customized Quality Monitors Program
- LMIP® Laboratory Management Index Program
- CAP LINKS™ The Laboratory Integrated Knowledge Source

PROFICIENCY TESTING
With more than 580 products, the CAP’s Surveys and Anatomic Pathology Education Program is the largest laboratory peer comparison program in the world. The program allows laboratories to evaluate their performance regularly and improve the accuracy of the patient results they provide. Through these programs, the CAP provides individual laboratories with unknown specimens for testing. The participants analyze the specimens and return the results to the CAP for evaluation. In turn, each participating laboratory receives a report of its performance as well as a report summarizing the results of all participating laboratories. The CAP also offers the EXCEL program with more than 100 modules, designed for the physician office laboratory and small hospital laboratory. The
CAP Surveys and EXCEL programs are approved to satisfy proficiency testing requirements by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, The Joint Commission, and the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation. State agencies also have approved the CAP Surveys and EXCEL programs to satisfy their proficiency testing requirements.

PUBLICATIONS
CAP TODAY, the College’s monthly news magazine, claims the highest readership among all laboratory publications. Each issue reports medical, industry, and business news to more than 50,000 laboratory professionals. Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine is the College’s peer-reviewed, scientific journal giving editorial focus to the introduction and evaluation of new knowledge and technology. STATLINE is a biweekly electronic newsletter designed to keep members informed of new legislative and regulatory developments as they happen, serving as the first word on the public policy issues facing our members.

CAP PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CAP Professional Services, a division of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), provides best practice health IT strategies, clinical informatics, and terminology services for clients striving to achieve semantic interoperability and high-quality, robust electronic medical records (EMR). Our health care and informatics professionals offer deep subject matter expertise to help clients navigate increasingly complex information demands.

CAP Professional Services works with provider organizations, hospitals, health IT vendors, health information exchange initiatives, universities, research centers, and government agencies throughout the world. The team advances health IT standards, practices, and tools, including the CAP electronic Cancer Checklists (CAP eCC).

CAP is the original creator of SNOMED Clinical Terms® (SNOMED CT®)—a globally recognized controlled medical vocabulary—and has fostered its development for more than 40 years. CAP Professional Services continues to develop and maintain SNOMED CT on behalf of the Copenhagen, Denmark-based International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization (IHTSDO®).

For more information, please visit www.capsts.org and www.cap.org/DIHIT.

CAP FOUNDATION
The CAP Foundation champions patient-centered and humanitarian roles for pathologists. The Foundation strives to connect people, especially those in need, to the specialized, lifesaving skills of pathologists.

One of the Foundation’s most significant humanitarian funding efforts, CAP’s See, Test & Treat™ program, provides free breast and cervical cancer screenings to women in medically underserved communities throughout the United States. CAP member pathologists, together with a team of health care professionals, volunteer their time and expertise to deliver breast and cervical cancer screenings, diagnoses, and follow-up to care or treatment recommendations in one day and at no cost to the women served.

The CAP Foundation supports notable grants and awards through which significant strides in pathology and patient care emerge. These include the Leadership Development Award, the John H. Rippey Grant for Laboratory Quality Assurance,
Translational Diagnostics Advanced Training Awards, and the Scholars Research Program.

Through the generous financial support of CAP members, staff, industry, foundations and patient advocacy groups, the CAP Foundation serves as the leading philanthropic organization for pathologists. Since its inception in 1963, the CAP Foundation has proudly granted millions of dollars to support pathology education, research, and humanitarian programs.

For more information about how to make a tax-deductible contribution or apply for a grant or award, visit foundation.cap.org, or call 800-323-4040 ext. 7846 or email at capfdn@cap.org.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The CAP continues to produce nationally recognized patient and physician education information on topics which include personalized medicine, Pap testing, breast cancer, diabetes, and cholesterol testing. The College’s Public Affairs area pursues media opportunities for CAP members to educate the public on the role of the pathologist as physicians who are integral members of the patient care team. Through these proactive efforts, more than 2 billion readers, listeners, and viewers in 2011 saw and heard news about the live-saving contribution of pathologists to patient care.

In addition, the CAP offers two websites for patients— one website offers patient information on cancer diagnosis and another focuses on preventive care. Re-launched in 2010, MyBiopsy.org provides accurate and credible information on more than 42 of the most common cancers and cancer-related conditions, including breast, colon, lung, and skin. The site includes answers to questions about cancer, lists of available treatment options, a glossary of key terms, and pictures of normal and diseased tissues. In addition, visitors to the site will find tips on how to read a pathology report, survivor stories, and recent cancer news.

The CAP also offers a free, e-mail reminder website, MyHealthTestReminder.org, to help individuals remember to schedule important cancer screening tests.

Spokespersons Program

Since 2001, the College has offered media and presentation training to more than 365 CAP members through the CAP Spokespersons Training program. These members are available to speak with the media on a variety of pathology-related, health and wellness topics, including genomics, molecular pathology, HPV, bioterrorism, Pap testing, antibiotic-resistant bacteria, cholesterol, and blood banking, among others.

FUTURE MEETINGS—SAVE THE DATES!!

CAP ‘12 September 9-12 –Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, California
CAP ‘13–October 13-16 –Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee (Orlando), Florida