



News Release



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**SAN LUIS VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
MAIN CLINICAL LABORATORY
RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM
COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS**

The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) has awarded accreditation to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center Main Clinical Laboratory, Alamosa, Colorado based on results of a recent on-site inspection as part of the CAP's Accreditation Programs.

The facility's director, Kendal C. Knaus, MD, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided. San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center Main Clinical Laboratory is one of more than 7,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

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.

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 of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall 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 that serves 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 College advocates accountable, high-quality, and cost-effective patient care. More information about the CAP can be found at www.cap.org.