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College of American Pathologists CAP INSPECTION



On Monday, May 5th around 8a.m., we received a call from Dr. Olga Ioffe, Team Leader of the University of Maryland CAP Inspection Team notifying us of their planned visit to Loyola for our CAP inspection. The 13-member team comprised of University faculty and staff arrived on campus about an hour later.

The team inspected laboratories that were under three of our CLIA certificates: namely, the main or central lab (including the clinical labs in the lower level of the main hospital, and the Anatomic Pathology labs on the second floor of the EMS building), our near patient testing labs, (including the Neonatal Lab, Mohs Lab, Pulmonary Function Lab, and Operating Room Blood Gas Lab), and the Homer Glen Oncology Lab.

During their inspection, the team worked closely with our regulatory compliance specialist, technical specialists/coordinators, managers, lab directors, and staff. Dr. Ioffe also met with Dr. William Cannon, LUMC Chief of Staff; and George Krempel, Vice President of Healthcare Services.

The team was very complimentary of our faculty and staff during the summation meeting, and they left us with a very short list of deficiencies and recommendations. Following the summation meeting, Dr. Wojcik and Dr. Kahn expressed their congratulations to all department faculty and staff on a successful CAP Inspection!

...but, the work isn't over yet! CAP requires that we respond to all deficiencies within 30 calendar days. Once our responses are accepted, the College will grant accreditation for a two-year period.

Also, we are still waiting for the unannounced CAP/AABB inspection of our Blood Bank/Apheresis Unit and the CAP inspection of the REI Lab at LaGrange Center for Health. Both inspections should be completed early this summer.

Unannounced CAP inspections require that our laboratories are consistently inspection-ready. This level of readiness requires constant attention to laboratory regulations and accreditation standards.

Thanks to all our faculty and staff for your commitment! **You ROCK!**



COMING UP: May 12–16, 2008

Monday 5/12/08	8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Derm Conference Conference - Dr. Paner
Tuesday 5/13/08	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Chemistry Conference - Dr. Kahn Cytology Conference Conference - Dr. Ersahin
Wednesday 5/14/08	8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Special Chemistry Conference - Dr. Holmes Conference - Dr. Salhadar
Thursday 5/15/08	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	CP Unknowns Conference Surg Path Fellows Conference
Friday 5/16/08	8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	AP Unknowns Conference Conference - Dr. Rajan



SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW: OUR GRADUATES!



Girsh Venkataraman, MD began his residency at Loyola in 2004. He has progressed with ease throughout his residency. He also has become the Department Photographer over the past four years. He has taken some awesome pictures of all of our events and even has made a name for himself as the staff portrait photographer. You will notice his work in the resident composite you see every year. Girish is a very low key artist and has kept his talent with cartooning behind the scenes. He will be moving this August to Washington DC where he will start a two-year Hematopathology Fellowship at the National Cancer Institute (NIH), Bethesda, MD. His wife Viju, who is also a Pathologist, and their three-year old son, Anirudh will join him in December. Coincidentally, Girish has a sister and two nephews in the DC area, who promise to keep him busy on weekend free time. Thanks for all of your extra time and talent Girish. You will be greatly missed!



Saeedeh Masoom, MD started her residency at Loyola in 2002. She was determined to do well and did so on her own for the first two years. Her husband was still in Boston working as a software engineer. So, she packed up her little two year old daughter and moved to Chicago with her mother at her side. Her first graduation from Pathology was in 2006. Following graduation Dr. Masoom completed a Surgical Pathology Fellowship at LUMC from which she graduated in 2007. Just to make sure all areas of our department were in good order; Dr. Masoom went on to complete a Cytopathology Fellowship and will be graduating again this June! She has accepted a position at Midwestern Regional Medical Center at Zion, Illinois. We will be sad to see Saeedeh leave Loyola but wish her well in her new position.

KUDOS TO . . .

- Dr. Phillip DeChristopher was presented an award from LifeSource, Chicagoland's Blood Center, for his leadership at Loyola University Medical Center Volunteer Blood Program. Due to the efforts of Dr. DeChristopher and the Loyola Blood Drive Steering Committee, an awareness has been created regarding the importance of blood donation. LUMC is the **Top Blood Collection Site Among University Medical Centers in the Chicagoland Area**. In 2007, 537 units of whole blood were collected here. So far, there have been 474 units of whole blood collected for 2008! Congratulations to Dr. DeChristopher and the Blood Drive Steering Committee on a job well done! A "special" thanks to all those who donate blood.
- Congratulations to the Blood Bank staff on the successful implementation of the new worldwide standard for blood product labeling - ISBT 128.
- Drs. Jawed Fareed and Debra Hoppensteadt have been awarded grant funding for their project entitled "Recombinant Thrombomodulin Interactions with Heparin, Warfarin, Low Molecular Weight Heparin (Enoxaparin) and Pentasaccharide." The awarding agency is Artisan Pharma.