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The CAP and CAP accreditation overview

In this presentation Dr Gene Herbek will discuss the College of American Pathologists (CAP’s) mission and vision; pathologists’ critical role in patient care and the delivery of quality outcomes; the expertise and science behind CAP programs and services and the CAP’s efforts including the CAP’s leadership in laboratory accreditation to foster and advocate excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine worldwide. Dr. Gene Herbek will also share how the CAP partners with other domestic and international medical societies such as the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) to develop evidence-based clinical practice guidelines to improve and standardize laboratory practices for better patient outcomes. The CAP strives to execute the Institute of Medicine's standards for developing trustworthy clinical practice guidelines which includes conducting an open comment period prior to publication. All pathologists are encouraged to participate to ensure the recommendations are sound and reasonable. The CAP is committed to updating the guidelines as new evidence become available as is the case with the upcoming revision of Molecular Testing Guidelines for the Selection of Lung Cancer Patients which was developed in partnership with the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) and IASLC. To date, the CAP has published eight evidence-based guidelines and nine are currently in progress. Pathologists can take the lead by integrating these evidence-based guidelines into their practices according to their country’s regulations.

Biography

Gene N Herbek is the College of American Pathologists (CAP) President and served as President-elect and Secretary-treasurer on the CAP Board of Governors. He also chaired the Finance Committee and Council on Membership and Public Affairs and served as Vice Chair of the Council of Scientific Affairs among others. He is the Medical Director of the Methodist Women’s Hospital laboratory and Medical Director of the Transfusion and Coagulation Services for the Pathology Center at Methodist Hospital both in Omaha and Nebraska. He is Board Certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Residency Training Program.

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