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CAP Awarded California Department of Public Health and California Cancer Registry Grant

Funding Aims to Improve Patient Care via Electronic Cancer Reporting

NORTHFIELD, ILL. — The College of American Pathologists (CAP), the world's largest organization of board-certified pathologists, has been awarded a $300,000 grant from the California Department of Public Health and the California Cancer Registry (CCR). The funding lays the foundation for California hospitals to securely transmit live data to CCR using the CAP's electronic Cancer Checklists (eCC).

The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland and Saint Joseph Health - Northern California are participating in the project. Hospitals participating within the St. Joseph system include: St. Joseph Hospital Eureka, Redwood Memorial Hospital, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, Petaluma Valley Hospital, and Queen of the Valley Medical Center.

CCR is actively seeking more funding, in collaboration with the CAP, to continue this work to include more laboratories and in hopes to eventually provide real-time analytics for improved cancer surveillance and patient care. Laboratories are encouraged to contact Samantha Spencer, MD, Director, CAP Structured Reporting, at sspence@cap.org or 847-832-7449, if interested in participating in the program.

Electronic transmission of patient data to cancer registries helps hospitals to streamline reporting and improve patient outcomes. The eCC enables pathologists to use the CAP Cancer Protocols directly within their laboratory information system (LIS) and to ensure that each report is completed with the necessary elements required for accreditation by the American College of Surgeons – Commission on Cancer and the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program.

"The funding will allow the CAP to continue its work to streamline the electronic transmission of cancer data to cancer registries," said Gene N. Herbek, MD, FCAP, CAP president, and practicing pathologist, Methodist Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska. "Eliminating the need for manual processing speeds the transmission of information, increases accuracy, and ultimately, helps improve patient care."

The CAP and CCR are leading the way in the development of electronic submission of cancer data to:

- Provide ease of access to information and analytics for the public, laboratories, and health systems;
- Significantly decrease delay for access to this information; and
- Ensure information accuracy using structured data.

The grant represents the second phase of the project, where personal heath information will be sent from the laboratory to the cancer registry in real time. Laboratories worked with their LIS vendors to create the pathway to transmit the data from the LIS directly to CCR, providing de-identified data for use in the pilot.

About the CAP Electronic Cancer Checklists (eCC)
The College of American Pathologists (CAP) eCC (electronic Cancer Checklists) enables pathologists to use the CAP Cancer Protocols directly within their laboratory information system (LIS) workflow and to ensure that each report is completed with the necessary required elements. Most anatomic pathology (AP)-LIS vendors offer a CAP eCC synoptic module for reporting on surgical cancer resections and selected biopsies.

About the College of American Pathologists
As the leading organization with more than 18,000 board-certified pathologists, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) serves patients, pathologists, and the public by fostering and advocating excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine worldwide. The CAP's Laboratory Improvement Programs, initiated 65 years ago, currently has customers in more than 100 countries, accrediting 7,600 laboratories and providing proficiency testing to 20,000 laboratories worldwide. Find more information about the CAP at cap.org. Follow CAP on Twitter: @pathologists.

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