



Beaufort County Medical Center Laboratories Receive Accreditation

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(Washington, N.C.) Beaufort County Medical Center is pleased to announce that its main hospital laboratory as well as the laboratory at the Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center has been awarded accreditation by the Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) based on the results of a recent onsite inspection.

Connie Stancill, the Director of the Lab was recently notified of this national recognition and congratulated for the “excellence of the services being provided.” The hospital and Cancer Center labs are two of nearly 7,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP Laboratory Program, which started in the early 1960’s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government’s own inspection. During CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory’s records and quality control procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff’s qualifications, the laboratory’s equipment, facilities, safety program and record, as well as the overall management of the lab. This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society that serves more than 17,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world’s largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.

Beaufort County Medical Center, a division of Beaufort Regional Health System, is a 142-bed acute health care facility with an active medical staff of nearly 60 physicians, representing 30 specialties, as well as over 700 nurses, technicians and support staff. The staff and physicians of Beaufort County Medical Center are committed to the people of eastern North Carolina and will continue to provide high-quality, individualized care for your entire family.

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