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## LABORATORY ACCREDITATION

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### **DAYTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LABORATORY IS COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS (CAP) ACCREDITED**

**Certificates available upon request, call 937-641-5100**

The College of American Pathologists (CAP), the leading organization of board-certified pathologists, serves patients, pathologists, and the public by fostering and advocating excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine worldwide. For 70 years, the CAP has fostered excellence in laboratories and advanced the practice of pathology and laboratory science. As medicine, technology and pathology have evolved since 1946, the CAP has led the way to meet new challenges that result in better patient outcomes.

The requirements for accreditation are based on more than fifty years of insight and pathology expertise. The requirements comprise documents known as Checklists and are updated annually to reflect current practices and technologies. The Checklists are used by the laboratory to prepare for inspections and by the inspection team as a guide to assess the overall quality of the laboratory and the compliance with CAP Checklist requirements.

An on-site inspection occurs every two years. In the years when an on-site inspection does not occur, the laboratory performs a self-inspection using materials provided by CAP. Prior to an on-site inspection, the laboratory is provided with customized checklists based on the laboratory's testing menu. The inspection team will use the same customized checklists during the on-site inspection.

Following the completion of an inspection, the inspector will provide the summary of inspection findings with the laboratory staff. The laboratory has 30 days to submit responses to identified deficiencies to the CAP. After successfully meeting all the requirements, the laboratory is awarded a "CAP Laboratory Accreditation" certificate and becomes part of an exclusive group of more than 8,000 laboratories worldwide that have met the highest standards of excellence.