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Chief, Laboratory Services  
Brooke Army Medical Center  
Dept of Pathology and Area Laboratory Services  
3851 Roger Brooke Drive #3600  
Ft. Sam Houston  
San Antonio, Texas 78234

Dear Chief, Laboratory Services:

The Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) is pleased to advise you that the medical laboratory you direct, Brooke Army Medical Center Dept of Pathology and Area Laboratory Services, San Antonio, Texas, successfully met the Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) Standards for Accreditation in the area(s) listed on the attached sheet. **Please retain this letter and list of accredited services in your records, as this is your official notification of accreditation.**

Your Certificate of Accreditation is enclosed. Accreditation is valid for a two-year period and may be maintained on a continuous basis *provided the following requirements are met:*

1. Provide an inspection team of a size and composition similar to that required for your inspection and perform at least one inspection during the two-year accreditation cycle, if asked to do so by your Commissioner;
2. Submit an application for reinspection in sufficient time that the reinspection may be accomplished prior to your anniversary date. Application materials will automatically be sent to you to be completed and must be returned within 35 days of date sent;
3. Successfully participate in the CAP Surveys or a CAP-approved alternative proficiency testing program;
4. Notify the Commission of changes in location, ownership, or directorship of the laboratory. Accreditation does not automatically survive such changes. Documentation, including a copy of the new director's curriculum vitae and an organizational chart, will be requested for evaluation of the accreditation status;
5. Notify the Commission when there is a change in the laboratory's test menu that has resulted in a new specialty/subspecialty prior to beginning that testing;
6. Notify the Commission whenever the laboratory finds itself the subject of an investigation by a state or federal agency or adverse media attention related to laboratory performance;
7. Submit a completed Self-Evaluation Verification Form in the interim year.

The Commission congratulates you on the accreditation of the laboratory under your direction and the excellence of the services being provided. Please be reminded that CAP accreditation is not a substitute for the continuous in-depth monitoring by the laboratory and its personnel. Only such monitoring can produce a safe and properly functioning laboratory.

Sincerely,

Ronald B. Lepoff, MD  
Chair, Commission on Laboratory Accreditation

Ref: LAPACCLTR

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The above Laboratory is accredited by the College of American Pathologists Laboratory Accreditation Program for the following services:

Anatomic Pathology Processing

Autopsy Pathology

Bacteriology

Chemistry

Coagulation

Cytopathology

Flow Cytometry

Hematology

Immunology

Laboratory General

Molecular Pathology

Mycobacteriology

Mycology

Parasitology

Special Chemistry

Surgical Pathology

Toxicology

Transfusion Medicine

Urinalysis

Virology

This accreditation is valid for the period ending November 16, 2004.

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The Laboratory Accreditation Program currently has the subspecialty information listed below on file for your laboratory. This information is used for reporting to regulatory agencies.

ABO Group/Rh Type  
Antibody Detection (Non-Transfusion)  
Antibody Detection (Transfusion)  
Antibody Identification  
Bacteriology  
Compatibility Testing  
Cytology  
Endocrinology  
General Immunology  
Hematology  
Histopathology  
Mycobacteriology  
Mycology  
Parasitology  
Routine Chemistry  
Syphilis serology  
Toxicology  
Urinalysis  
Virology

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**COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS  
LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Laboratory Name: **Brooke Army Medical Center  
Dept of Pathology and Area Laboratory Services**

CAP Number: **21419-01**

Date of Accreditation: **February 08, 2003**

Peer Group: **Large Multidiscipline Labs**

Laboratory Performance Assessment: **Accredited with Distinction**

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All CAP-accredited laboratories meet the requirements and standards for accreditation. The CAP Accreditation Performance Assessment categories are determined using a formula incorporating laboratory proficiency testing performance and deficiencies included in the List of Deficiencies accompanying the Letter of Accreditation. The distribution of the two performance assessment categories is provided below:

Comparison Period: 01/01/2002 to 12/31/2002	Number of Laboratories Accredited	Distribution of Assessment Categories	
		Accredited	Accredited with Distinction
All Laboratories	3,161	1.1%	98.9%
Participant Peer Group	408	1.2%	98.8%

**Performance Area Evaluation and Comparison**

This section provides individual performance information in four major areas: Personnel and Safety, Technical Process, Quality Improvement, and Proficiency Testing. Performance by laboratories within the same peer group within each area is provided for comparison.

Performance Area	Laboratory Performance <sup>*</sup>	Distribution of Performance by Peer Group		
		1	2	3
Personnel and Safety	2	2.5%	58.3%	39.2%
Technical Process	2	2.5%	72.5%	25.0%
Quality Improvement	3	0.5%	16.4%	83.1%
Proficiency Testing	2	2.5%	72.5%	25.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Laboratory Performance: 1 = Below Peer Group Standard; 2 = Standard; 3 = Excellent

If you have any questions regarding your CAP Laboratory Performance Assessment Report, please contact the CAP at 800-323-4040 option 2 #