

## Communications Materials – Acute Leukemia Survey

### Email Correspondence with Link to Survey Monkey for Participation in Acute Leukemia Survey

Dear Laboratory Director:

The College of American Pathologists (CAP) is collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on a cooperative agreement, “Improving the Impact of Laboratory Practice Guidelines: A New Paradigm for Metrics.” The CAP and the CDC invite you to assist us in accomplishing our goal by examining current practice patterns for the workup of acute leukemia cases by completing this important survey. The responses to the online survey will serve as a baseline to assess various practice patterns.

The CAP is currently developing an evidence based guideline on the workup of acute leukemia. After the guideline is published, a post-dissemination survey will be developed and issued to assess changes in practice and uptake of the guideline (i.e., at some future time, you may be contacted again to participate in a post-survey and focus group).

#### Survey Instructions

The survey should take no more than 20-30 minutes of your time. Response to the survey is completely voluntary. **The survey is designed in a way so that each question needs to be answered.** The survey will **not** allow you to save your answers and complete at a later date. We kindly ask each individual at your laboratory who signs out hematopathology cases to complete the survey by **visiting (insert survey link).** **The survey will remain open until (date TBD, and will be finalized upon OMB approval).**

Thank you for responding to the 2015 Acute Leukemia Practices and Procedures Survey. The survey results will be published in the future as part of the CAP and the CDC cooperative agreement. Your responses will remain anonymous and will not be used to identify any laboratory or individual. All information collected in this survey is kept in a secure manner. No individual answers will be shared with the CDC. The final report in the publication will not contain any identifying information, preventing the linkage of specific laboratories with survey results.

If you have any questions, please email the CAP Pathology and Laboratory Quality Center at [center@cap.org](mailto:center@cap.org).

Sincerely,

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**CAP Today for the Acute Leukemia Pre-Survey (*The news brief is intended to be included in the Newsbytes section. CAP Today publishes monthly*)**

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Help us understand the various practices for the workup of acute leukemia by participating in the survey.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the CAP Pathology and Laboratory Quality Center at [center@cap.org](mailto:center@cap.org). Responses provided by survey participants will be kept anonymous. The CAP plans to publish the overall survey findings as part of the CDC cooperative agreement.

**CAP Pathology and Laboratory Quality Center  
Quarterly Newsletter**

The CAP Pathology and Laboratory Quality Center is participating in cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to increase the effectiveness and adoption of laboratory practice guidelines.

As part of the cooperative agreement, "Improving the Impact of Laboratory Practice Guidelines: A New Paradigm for Metrics," the Center invites laboratories to assist in the CAP's goal of examining the current state of practices to accurately diagnose acute leukemia by completing an online survey. This survey will obtain baseline information on the workup of acute leukemia. Following the development of the CAP and the American Society of Hematology (ASH) guideline, "Algorithm for the Workup of Acute Leukemia," the survey will be redistributed to determine changes in practice.

Please contact the CAP Pathology and Laboratory Quality Center at [center@cap.org](mailto:center@cap.org) if you are interested in participating in the survey. All responses will be kept anonymous. Overall survey findings will be published as part of the CDC cooperative agreement and will be used to help improve adoption of evidence-based laboratory practice guidelines.

## CAPconnect – Blog (*Possibly from Dr. Tracy George*)

There is a great deal of variation among pathologists in how acute leukemia is worked up leading to variation in practice, costs, and time to diagnosis. As you may know, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) is currently developing an evidence based guideline to provide recommendations on the workup of acute leukemia.

In addition to this work, the CAP is collaborating with the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to improve the effectiveness and adoption of evidence based laboratory practice guidelines.

The CAP and the CDC have issued a survey to gather feedback on current workup practices for acute leukemia cases which will serve as a baseline. After the guideline has been published, the survey will be reissued to assess changes in practice and awareness and adoption of the guideline.

Patients are at the heart of the CAP and assessing guideline uptake is critical. As a leader in quality assurance, I encourage laboratories to participate in the survey to help advance patient care and laboratory practices.

If you're interested in participating in the survey as part of the CAP/CDC cooperative agreement, "Improving the Impact of Laboratory Practice Guidelines: A New Paradigm for Metrics," please contact the CAP Pathology and Laboratory Quality Center at [center@cap.org](mailto:center@cap.org).

***[The CAP staff plans to interview Dr. George for this blog to obtain a more personal account of her participation in the survey development and her role as a quality assurance leader.]***

## CAP Website (*Announcement on homepage*)

### **Main Text Box**

Tell us how you workup acute leukemia cases  
CAP and CDC Team to Improve Laboratory Practices

### **Hover Text**

CAP and CDC Cooperative Agreement  
Participate in survey ([link to web page with links to the acute leukemia survey](#))

## Social Media Messages for the Acute Leukemia Survey

Below are a few draft social media messages to promote the acute leukemia survey and the collaborative work of the CAP and the CDC.

### CAP Twitter:

1. Share how you work up #acuteleukemia. Take survey @pathologists (include link to survey)
2. CAP teams with CDC to improve the diagnosis of #acuteleukemia @pathologists (include link to survey)

### CAP Facebook:

The CAP is collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on a cooperative agreement, "Improving the Impact of Laboratory Practice Guidelines: A New Paradigm for Metrics."

Share how you work up acute leukemia to help improve patient care. Take the survey (insert survey link) today!