



Recruitment Invitation for IHC Focus Group

August 1, 2016

The College of American Pathologists (CAP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) invite you to participate in a 60 minutes voluntary focus group on the topic of immunohistochemistry (IHC) validation practices as part of our cooperative agreement: "Improving the Impact of Laboratory Practice Guidelines: A New Paradigm for Metrics." We will examine how successful IHC validation practices are being adopted with usage of current tools and resources in addition to discussing the challenges that laboratories have encountered incorporating these evidence-based guidelines.

Come join Patrick Fitzgibbons, MD, FCAP, chair and primary author of the 2014 "Principles of Analytic Validation of Immunohistochemical Assays" guideline to provide your feedback on both the successes and challenges adopting the guideline. This is an opportunity for you and your peers to provide suggestions for improvement.

The focus group will be held **September 14, 2016**, at The TBD Hotel, Las Vegas, NV in a collegial setting to share experiences, opinions, and suggestions with a small group of your peers responsible for oversight of IHC testing. There is no direct compensation for this meeting; however, a light meal will be provided.

The laboratory professionals' session (eg, managers, supervisors, and staff histotechnologists) will be held from 7:00–8:00 AM with check-in beginning at 6:45 AM.

The pathologists' session (eg, IHC laboratory directors, chairs, and staff pathologists) will be held from Noon–1:00 PM with check-in beginning at 11:45 AM.

The CAP and the CDC plan to evaluate the impact and adoption of the guideline, and the results of this initiative will be published and freely available. Your participation is completely voluntary. No individual or laboratory participant information will be identified in any publications or shared with the CAP or the CDC beyond the cooperative agreement project members present in the room.

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Questions may be addressed to Lisa Fatheree at the contact information below.



**Focus Group Participation on IHC validation with the CAP and the CDC for
“Improving the Impact of Laboratory Practice Guidelines: A New
Paradigm for Metrics”**

Please respond via fax, email scan, or mail to the U.S. address below by August 31, 2016, to indicate your availability to join the September 14, 2016 session at The TBD Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Individuals will be notified of their selection by September 7, 2016.

Please select one, and complete below:

- I agree to participate I decline participation

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