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North Valley Hospital Laboratory Receives Reaccreditation
by the College of American Pathologists

WHITEFISH, MT – August 21, 2013: North Valley Hospital’s main laboratory had received accreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) based on results of its recent on-site inspection as part of the CAP’s Accreditation Programs. The facility and its medical director, David Smirnow, MD, were advised of the national recognition and congratulated for excellence of the services being provided. This latest accreditation makes this the 16th year that the laboratory has been accredited.

The US federal government recognizes the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960’s, as being equal-to or more-stringent-than the government’s own inspection program.

During the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory’s records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management.

“Our Laboratory team works hard to maintain this accreditation every year,” said Maura Fields, RN and Chief Clinical Officer. “Our goal is to provide the highest patient safety through quality laboratory services supported by ongoing education, meticulous procedural standards, and ensuring that we meet and exceed regulatory requirements.”

About the College of American Pathologists:

The College of American Pathologists (CAP), celebrating 50 years as the gold standard in laboratory accreditation, is a medical society that serves more than 18,000 physician members and the global laboratory community. It is the world’s largest association composed exclusively of board-certified pathologists and is the worldwide leader in laboratory quality assurance. The College advocates accountable, high-quality, and cost-effective patient care. More information about the CAP can be found at www.cap.org.

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