Aleda E. Lutz VAMC Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service, Saginaw, Michigan, received accreditation based on results of a recent on-site inspection, on October 3, 2016, as part of the College of American Pathologists’ (CAP) Accreditation Programs.

“Congratulations on the excellent services that your laboratory is providing for your community and the efforts that you have made towards accreditation,” stated Victor Y. Cabanas, MD, Great Lakes Regional Commissioner for CAP Accreditation Programs. “We value your participation in the CAP’s Accreditation Programs.

The facility was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided. Aleda E. Lutz VAMC Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service is one of more than 7,700 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

“I want to personally thank all staff in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine here at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, and all staff who touch laboratory processes, for their commitment and vigilance in all they do to assure Veterans receive quality, safe diagnostic testing, leading to positive health care outcomes,” stated Dr. Ginny Creasman, Medical Center Director.

The U.S. federal government recognizes the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, 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.

As the leading organization with more than 18,000 board-certified pathologists, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) serves patients, pathologists, and the public by fostering and advocating excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory
medicine worldwide. The CAP’s Laboratory Improvement Programs, initiated 65 years ago, currently have customers in more than 100 countries, accrediting 7,700 laboratories and providing proficiency testing to 20,000 laboratories worldwide. Find more information about the CAP at www.cap.org. Follow CAP on Twitter: @pathologistis.

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center, with an additional 8-bed acute medicine and telemetry wing. It provides care to over 35,400 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at www.saginaw.va.gov.

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