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COTTAGE HOSPITAL LABORATORY RECEIVES RECOGNITION BY THE COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS FOR DELIVERING “THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF CARE.”

Woodsville, NH -- Cottage Hospital, a critical access hospital located in Woodsville, New Hampshire, today announced that its main clinical laboratory received accreditation from the College of American Pathologists (CAP).

Lori Hughes, Cottage Hospital’s chief nursing officer, emphasized the importance of such a prestigious recognition. “Since most of what happens in pathology takes place ‘behind the scenes’, it is often easy to overlook its criticality. Providing highly accurate, guideline-compliant pathology services paves the way for lower healthcare costs, more effective treatments, and better patient outcomes. This accreditation helps demonstrate our commitment to providing the highest quality pathology services.”

Cottage Hospital received this accreditation based on a recent onsite inspection in which records and quality control procedures for the prior two years were analyzed. The CAP laboratory inspection program is equal to and, in some cases, more stringent than the U.S. government’s own inspection program.

“This accomplishment speaks volumes about the quality of care provided at Cottage Hospital,” stated Joan McIntire, laboratory director. “To achieve this recognition it requires not only having a top-notch team of physicians and laboratory professionals on staff, but also having processes and systems in place that will ensure high standards of care. Quality does not happen by mistake. It is

not an accident. Quality systems occur by design, with the right combination of experience, knowledge of regulations, and perseverance to move forward with the clear goal of providing exceptional patient outcomes.”

CAP, a medical society with more than 18,000 physician members nationally, is considered to be the gold standard in laboratory accreditation.

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About Cottage Hospital: Cottage Hospital is 25-bed critical access hospital located in Woodsville, NH, and serves the Upper Connecticut River Valley. The Cottage family has over 250 employees, 37 active medical staff providers and 35 volunteers. For more information, visit www.cottagehospital.org.