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Lab Accredited at Halifax Regional

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. (February 11, 2010)—The laboratory at Halifax Regional has been awarded accreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP).

The accreditation is based on the results of an unannounced inspection of the lab. Inspectors examined records, quality controls, staff qualifications, equipment, safety program and overall management.

“Accreditation means the community should have confidence in the lab,” said Wanda Catt, lab manager at Halifax Regional. “This was a rigorous inspection designed to ensure the highest standards of care for all lab patients.”

The lab at Halifax Regional conducts more than one million tests annually, including tests for Roanoke Clinic and Wildwood Medical Clinic at Lake Gaston.

The CAP Lab Accreditation Program was started in the early 1960s and is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government’s own inspection program. Halifax Regional is one of nearly 7,000 CAP-accredited labs across the nation.

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About Halifax Regional

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.us.