



Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

College of American Pathologists—Laboratory inspection 2018

- Khanh Andrews



On Tuesday, October 9, 2018, eighteen representatives from Ohio State University arrived at UCLA to perform a two day on-site inspection. In conjunction with the College of American Pathologists, the team reviewed the technical and general operations associated with providing laboratory results to help support optimal patient care. The inspectors visited all of our facilities:

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica Hospital, Bruin University Reference Laboratory, Brentwood Annex, Molecular

Diagnostics, and Anatomic Pathology.

The inspection concluded with a total of only 3 deficiencies for the entire department. The OSU team also gave UCLA praise that the lab should be “proud as can be” and “on cloud 9.” Our commitment to excellence, professionalism, and expertise in our many unique areas is inspiring and was apparent to the inspection team.



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DGSOM Class of 2022 tours the RRH Clinical Labs.

- Khanh Andrews

Medical school can be quite an eye opening experience. During the last week of August, one hundred seventy five medical students from the Class of 2022 toured the RRUCLA Core Laboratory. It was their third week of medical school and their first exposure to this field of medicine. Some were quite overwhelmed at the volume of samples and commented at how “calm” the operations appeared. A few were hypnotized by the automation within the lab, yet others were awestruck at the complex analysis that is performed manually by our staff. Several asked amazing questions and even bestowed applause as the tours concluded.

Tour guides included: **Lissette Bakic, Lavita Boyd, Khanh Andrews, and Drs. Linda Baum, Lu Song, Mitchel Moosavi, Jia Guan, Jason Scapa, and Nicholas Stanizone.**



Thank you for making this possible for the students! And thank you to all the tour guides and those that shared their expertise with the students! I think it is really important that they understand laboratory testing and experiences like this as essential to their education and careers as physicians!

~ Dr. Alyssa Ziman



I would like to thank the faculty, staff and residents who helped guide all 175 of the first year medical students this week through the tour of the clinical labs. The students are still buzzing about the experience, and I appreciate all the effort and extra time it took this week.

~ Dr. Linda Baum



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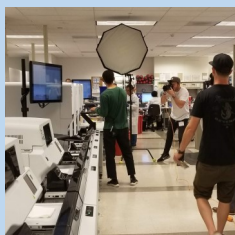
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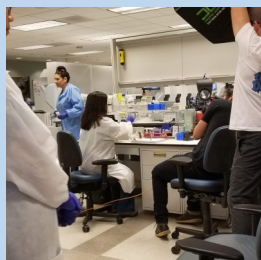
RRH Core Lab Photo Shoot - Khanh Andrews

We make this look good.

On August 13, 2018, several photographers set up their equipment in the RRH Core Laboratory to provide a spotlight onto Clinical Laboratory Scientists and what we do in the laboratory. Focusing on certain disciplines like Urinalysis,



Hematology, Chemistry, and Blood Banking allowed the photographers to highlight the complexity of the laboratory, equipment, and staff. The photos will be on the new UCLA HR website under the Allied Health Section.

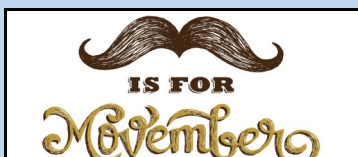


November

A national men's health initiative has renamed the month of November, as "MOVEMBER" to encourage diverse moustache displays.

As a part of this health campaign, on Nov. 13, 2018,

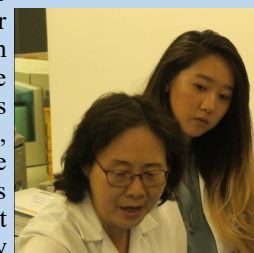
UCLA Recreation held an annual event in the Pauley Pavilion club anticipating 500 UCLA employees. Pathology and Lab Medicine volunteers, Lavita Boyd, Charlene Yu, Nathan Okawa, and Khanh Andrews performed over 200 glucose and cholesterol screenings for attendees who registered. Cardiologists were available all day for 1-on-1 consultations so that participants could review results and receive an American Heart Association 10 year risk assessment.



Care Harbor—Los Angeles - Khanh Andrews

Clinical Lab Staff volunteer their skills at local health Clinic.

Every year since 2009, UCLA health professionals provide mammograms, fill cavities, complete cancer screenings, screen patients for glaucoma and cataracts and perform other health exams at the annual Care Harbor free clinic at The Reef in Los Angeles. UCLA physicians, dentists, nurses, staff and student volunteers have historically had a major presence at this event. This Care Harbor event emphasized better access to specialty care and type 2 diabetes prevention. This year between October 12 and 14, a Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine volunteer team supported this all important health care event. Lead by Lavita Boyd, volunteers included: **Kavita Aggarwal, HopeAngel Mayberry, Leonor Palacios-Osma, Ana Muro, and Ofelia Cartagena.** Our volunteers directly supported the Women's Care Clinic providing hemoglobin, urine dipstick, and pregnancy test results. Volunteers are always appreciated as long as you sign up.



Care Harbor FAQ:

- brings medical, dental and vision care to the uninsured, underinsured and underserved in our communities.
- transforms arenas and other large venues into working clinics treating thousands of people in the space of a few days.
- connects patients to medical homes – local clinics and practices that can provide ongoing primary and specialty care.



UCLA Health— Clinical Labs Team exceeds 2018 Heartwalk fundraising goal.

- Nathan Okawa



The Ronald Reagan Core Lab has been supporting the UCLA Health System since 2009 with fund raising for the American Heart Association / Los Angeles Health Walk. With challenges to other UCLA Clinical Labs, fund

raising ramped up this year, and hit an all-time high of \$9,403; the UCLA Health System's total of \$91,193 was number one among all hospitals and health systems in the LA area, and gives back some of the millions of dollars the AHA has given to UCLA over the years for cardiovascular research. Out of 60 UCLA teams raising money this year



for the Heart Association, team "UCLA Health Clinical Labs" led the pack and was number one. Thank you to the Core Lab, Brentwood Annex, Santa Monica Hospital Lab, Transfusion Medicine, BURL and Support Services for supporting the Clinical Pathology "Lab gives back" initiatives, raising money for the Heart Association, the March of Dimes, the UCLA Student Food Closet, the UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, Operation Mend and the UCLA People Animal Connection.

Due to the generosity of staff, medical staff, friends and family, the Clinical Labs have raised over \$52,000 since moving to Ronald Reagan in 2008. We look forward to your continued support next year.



Awards and Recognitions



Dr. Jonathan Braun, Dr. Sarah Dry, and Dr. Jianyu Rao attending the 60th Anniversary of the Cancer Hospital, CAMS-UCLA delegation.



Congratulations to **Dr. Wayne Grody**, for receiving the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Presents 2018 Mastership. This award honors ASCP members who have made a significant contribution to pathology through sustained service to the profession and to ASCP.



Dr. Thomas Chong, UCLA Pathology fellow rotating through Northridge this month, carved this pumpkin to enter Pathology into the first ever pumpkin carving contest at Northridge Hospital Medical Center. | [More details](#)

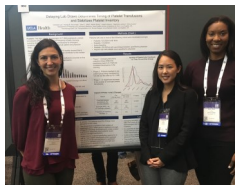
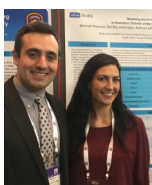


Congratulations to **Dr. Curtis Chin** who is the 2018 recipient of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine's Neil and Carol Ruzic award in cancer innovation.

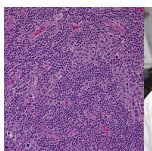


Science featured **Dr. Jonathan Lucas's** report on "Opioid prescribing decreased after learning of a patient's fatal overdose". [Read more.](#)

Pathology Trainees attend and present at the 2018 AABB Annual Conference



Clinical Spotlight



Dr. Jonathan Said's research has led to new understanding of how tumor biomarkers improve prediction of survival and influence treatment of patients with HIV/other immunodeficiency-related lymphoproliferative disorders.

Research Spotlight



A publication by **Dr. Celeste Eno** and **Dr. Josh Deignan** investigating how clinical genomics laboratories handle the unexpected discovery of misattributed parentage was highlighted for the journal's monthly podcast. [Listen](#)

Employee Spotlight



Congratulations to **Victor Balao** as the recipient of the AP Employee of the Month for October! Victor is a Histotechnologist II in the IHC department and has been working at UCLA for 10 years. He asked to take a group photo as he said "it's a **Team Effort!**"



Congratulations to **Gina Balatico** as the recipient of the AP Employee of the Month for September! Gina is a CLS in the Bone Marrow & Flow Cytometry Laboratory and has been working in the department for 13 years.



Congratulations to **Silvana Baghdasaryan** on receiving AP Employee of the Month for August! Silvana is a Hospital Lab Technician II in the Histology Department.

New Employees

November 2018



Sheena Bejosano – CPT II, RRH
Lyna Chheang – HLT I, Brentwood R & D
Olivia Cruzado – CPT, RRH
Edward Desales – HLT I, Blood & Platelet Center
Karia L Dodley – HLT I, Brentwood
Noor Elkhoury – CPT II, RRH
Manuel Flores – HLT III, Component Processing Lab
Victor Gradilla – HLA II, Surg Path RRH
Clarissa Javierto – RN, Blood & Platelet Center
Reuben James Laroza – CLS, SMH
Joerson Leyran – CPT II, RRH
Gena Raftery – Pathologists Assistant, RRH
Sebastian Salcedo – HLT I, Blood & Platelet Center
Lilibeth Sobing – CLS, Brentwood
Divina Viray – CLS, SMH
Andrey V Zamyatin – CLS, SMH

August 2018 (Image not available)

Nylia Andrew – HLT II, Brentwood
Darci Carpenter – CPT, SMH
Rianne Castrillo – CPT, SMH
Florice (Flo) Guillermo – Transfusion Safety Officer, RRH Blood Bank
Brianna Guzman – HLT II, Outreach Laboratory
Karina Hernandez – CLS, Brentwood
Marcela Inzunza – HLT, Blood & Platelet Center
Lisa Mandarino – CLS Apprentice, Molecular Diagnostics
Jose A. Nolasco – Hosp Lab Assistant II, SMH
Jennifer Reicharz – CLS Apprentice, Brentwood
Oscar Viramontes – HLT, Blood & Platelet Center

2018 Summer Quarter Safety Quiz

Thank you to everyone who entered the Safety Quiz contest. We are delighted to announce Quarter 3's Safety Quiz Winner.

Answers:

1. Where is the Laboratory Safety Manual located?
Online Pathology Intranet under Lab Procedures
http://www.intrapathnet.medsch.ucla.edu/compliance_and_training_hospital/safetymanual.htm
2. What does the acronym R.A.C.E. stand for?
Remove, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish/Evacuate
3. Where is your laboratory section's Hazardous Chemical Inventory list located?
In front of each SDS binder
4. Chemical waste should be disposed when full or within 90 days (whichever is sooner).
True
5. It is Fire and Life Safety Code violation to block or obstruct

access to life safety devices or electrical panels in healthcare facilities.

True

6. At least how much clearance must be maintained in all directions (above, below, top & sides) around life safety devices or electrical panels in healthcare facilities at all times?

3 Feet

WINNER!!!

Christopher Franco
(Support Services—Santa Monica)



Cyber Security Safety Tips—Bushra Yasin

- Ensure that your Windows PC or Mac devices are encrypted ([BitLocker](#), [Check Point](#), [PGP](#), [FileVault](#)) to prevent data theft
- Enroll all smartphones and tablets in [Airwatch](#)
- Enable automatic updates for your operating system and applications to keep them up-to-date on security patches
- If you do not have a current antivirus program installed, all UCLA faculty, students, and staff are eligible to use [UCLA-licensed Sophos](#)
- Report suspected security incidents, scams, and other suspicious activity to Customer Care 310-267-CARE (72273)
- Forward suspicious emails to DangerousEmail@mednet.ucla.edu

Keep your systems secure. Remain vigilant against cyber security threats. Take precautions for information security and patient privacy at our Hospitals and Clinics.

Newsletter Committee: Khanh Andrews, Daisy Villa, and Bushra Yasin

Send us your suggestions for future newsletters to:
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Visit UCLA Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Website: www.Pathology.ucla.edu

Safety Quiz

1. Where are the Pathology and Laboratory Safety and Quality Manuals located?
2. Where can Health System (HS) safety-related policies be accessed?
3. Where can the laboratory's Clinical Hygiene Plan (CHP) be accessed?
4. What information does OSHA require on secondary chemical container labels?
5. The three steps to take at the first sign of an earthquake are:

Send your responses to byasin@mednet.ucla.edu by

December 11, 2018.

