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**SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM
COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS**

SAN DIEGO (February 4, 2021) – The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) has awarded accreditation to San Diego Blood Bank (San Diego, CA) based on results of a recent on-site inspection as part of the CAP’s Accreditation Programs.

The facility’s Chief Medical Officer, Mark Edmunds, MD, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided. San Diego Blood Bank is one of more than 8,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

“CAP accreditation represents the highest level of achievement for our laboratory whose core intention is to provide excellence in care for the patients and community we serve. I am grateful to work with each and every one of our dedicated staff that has made this possible. Our ongoing partnership with CAP will help ensure our team continues to meet best practices.” said Edmunds.

Upon learning of the laboratory’s accreditation, San Diego Blood Bank CEO David Wellis, PhD, said: “I’m incredibly proud of our team who really pulled together to contribute to this success. It’s a huge accomplishment, and an honor. I’m especially impressed they accomplished this during such an incredibly difficult year.”

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.

About San Diego Blood Bank

SDBB is dedicated to community health by providing a reliable supply of blood to patients in need. Our vision is to further ensure the health of our community by simultaneously delivering related health and wellness education and services and extending into research. SDBB is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit that serves hospitals in San Diego, Orange, Imperial and Los Angeles counties with blood transfusion products and reference laboratory services. SDBB currently operates eight local donor centers and 10 bloodmobiles. SDBB’s Cell Therapy Program provides lifesaving stem cell transplants to patients worldwide. For more information about SDBB, visit www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About the College of American Pathologists

As the world’s largest organization of board-certified pathologists and leading provider of laboratory accreditation and proficiency testing programs, 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. For more information, read the [CAP Annual Report](#) at cap.org.

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