

## **Rice Memorial Hospital Laboratory receives accreditation From College of American Pathologists**

WILLMAR, Minn. (June 24, 2009) – Rice Memorial Hospital Laboratory has been awarded an accreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent onsite inspection.

The laboratory's director, Jason Mayer, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided." Rice Memorial Hospital is one of nearly 7,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff's qualifications, the laboratory's equipment, facilities, safety program and record, as well as the overall management of the laboratory. This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients.

### **About the College of American Pathologists**

*The College of American Pathologists (CAP) is a medical society that serves more than 17,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.*



*Rice Laboratory staff are presented with a gift basket from the Prize Patrol to acknowledge their achievement.*