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Centura Health and PAML Team Up

Partnership enhances delivery of high-quality laboratory services to local physicians and patients

DENVER (Sept 7, 2010) – Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories (PAML), one of the top ten reference laboratories in the United States, and Centura Health , Colorado’s largest healthcare network, have entered into an agreement to enhance outreach laboratory services for physicians in Colorado and the patients they serve.

“The partnership with Centura Health is an important milestone for PAML in the continued expansion of our laboratory joint ventures with leading hospital systems,” said Dr. Tom Tiffany, PAML’s CEO/President. “We are confident that our partner health systems will realize the benefits of working in a collaborative fashion to expand outreach lab businesses. Our goal is to provide a turn-key program that will enable a competitive offering to physicians in their local communities.”

Named “Colorado Laboratory Services” (CLS) the LLC will combine the high-quality laboratory testing capabilities of the 13 Centura Health hospitals in Colorado with the esoteric testing capabilities and lab outreach support services offered by PAML. The rapid turnaround times delivered by each of Centura Health’s hospital-based laboratories and the advanced physician connectivity, logistics and client service support products for which PAML is well-known will enhance the delivery of laboratory services available to physicians in Colorado.

“We are confident, that this partnership between Centura Health and PAML will result in better patient care and better service for our physicians and patients,” said Gary Campbell, president and chief executive officer of Centura Health. “The capabilities provided by PAML are a great match for the current and future needs of physicians and, most importantly, the communities we serve.”

As an added benefit, approximately 90 percent of the testing completed by Colorado Laboratory Services will be performed in Colorado. This maintains jobs and the provision of healthcare services within the state.

About PAML

PAML, a full-service medical reference laboratory located in Spokane, WA, is owned by two of the nation’s largest healthcare systems – Providence Health & Services (PH&S) and Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI). One of the top reference laboratories in the country, PAML is also considered an industry leader in joint venture partnerships with community-based hospitals because of their expertise in developing cutting-edge laboratory management systems, including state-of-the-art automation, and support services. PAML is a co-founder of PACLAB Network Laboratories, which provides laboratory services throughout Seattle and western Washington, and is a partner in several other hospital-based laboratory joint ventures, including Alpha Medical Laboratory (AML) serving northern Idaho; Tri-Cities Laboratory (TCL) serving central Washington; Treasure Valley Laboratory (TVL) serving southern Idaho and northeastern Oregon; and MountainStar Clinical Laboratories (MSCL) serving Utah. For more information, visit the PAML website at www.paml.com.

About Centura Health

Centura Health is Colorado’s largest hospital and health care network and we are charting the course for the future of health care. Approximately 14,500 of the health care industry’s best and brightest, with more than 6,000 physician partners, deliver advanced care to more than half a million people each year, across 13 hospitals, seven senior living communities, medical clinics, affiliated partner hospitals, Flight For Life® Colorado, and home care and hospice services. Our strength lies in our ability to offer a team of connected networks and shared resources to deliver accessible, reliable and cost-effective health care across the state. For information on Centura Health or any of the facilities in our network, please visit www.centura.org.