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NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Foundation Celebrates, Recognizes Award Winners at CAP22

If you are anything like me and the rest of the CAP Foundation, we're excited for autumn: the sweaters, the falling leaves, the pumpkin spice ... and the CAP22 annual meeting!

That's right, the CAP Foundation will be in New Orleans October 8–11 for the biggest pathology event of the year. And this year is sure to be a special one as we celebrate, educate, and support the specialty and its patients.

We have planned speakers at the 2022 Fall House of Delegates and Residents Forum Meetings on Saturday, October 8, where we will share updates on the Foundation's activities and recognize some of our many award winners. In this issue of the newsletter, we've included many of our 2022 award winners so be sure to say congrats when you see them!

On the evening of October 8, we'll celebrate the Foundation and thank our supporters NOLA style with "Password Pathology: Speakeasy in the Big Easy with the CAP Foundation" at the Double Dealer speakeasy club. I hope you will join the Foundation for its annual fundraising event sponsored by Eli Lilly—ticket sales will help fund many of the Foundation's programs.

CAP Foundation high-level donors will have access to our premium lounge Sunday and Monday during the annual meeting. On Sunday from 1:30-3:00 PM CT our lounge will open to all attendees to learn more about the Foundation and network with colleagues. Please

stop by and enjoy specialty coffee and treats. We want to thank our diagnostic partners at Hologic for sponsoring this new, special space at this year's meeting in addition to all they do to champion See, Test & Treat™ throughout the year.

And be sure to stop by our onsite kiosk near registration anytime throughout the annual meeting to say hello and learn from CAP Foundation staff about the latest news and opportunities from the Foundation.

Thanks to all our supporters, pathologists, and volunteers we've been able to host nine successful See, Test & Treat events so far in 2022 with another four planned to round out the year. I'm so honored to be a part of this organization that helps improve health equity in medically underserved communities by providing free cervical and breast cancer screenings.

In this issue of the newsletter, we look back at a 2021 See, Test & Treat program at Montefiore Medical Center and hear from a patient named Claudia who received a critical diagnosis at a crucial time. This heartwarming and eye-opening story drives home the impact of See, Test & Treat and how our pathologists and clinical partners touch the lives of patients every day.

It is stories like these that I will carry with me as I move on from my position of CAP Foundation president and welcome new leadership during the

CAP22 annual meeting. It has been an incredible experience to work with so many dedicated pathologists and professionals over the past couple of years as we navigated through a truly life- and world-changing pandemic.

I am humbled by the actions I have seen from our medical professionals as we continued to bring reliable COVID-19 testing and other diagnostic services in a time of great uncertainty. I am also so proud of the CAP Foundation for continuing its support of pathologists and patients through this difficult time.

Thank you to all those who helped support me and the CAP Foundation over the past two years. I will continue to carry with me what I've learned and support these great programs and the next CAP Foundation president in whatever ways I can. Stay well and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Carey Z. August, MD, FCAP  
President, CAP Foundation



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# 2022 Global Pathology Education Award Winners

The CAP Foundation's Global Pathology Education Award helps improve global health by increasing the exchange of information and supporting the science of pathology by offering virtual attendance to CAP annual meetings.



**Abebaw Amare, MD**  
Hawassa University  
Comprehensive  
Specialized Hospital  
Ethiopia



**Bruno Basil, MBBS**  
Federal University of  
Health Sciences  
Otukpo  
Nigeria



**Audu Abdullah Bukar,  
MBBS**  
University of  
Maiduguri Teaching  
Hospital  
Nigeria



**Blessing Kenechi  
Myke-Mbata, MBBS**  
Benue State  
University Teaching  
Hospital  
Nigeria



**Khushbu Khetan, MD**  
Benue State University  
Teaching Hospital  
Nigeria



**Aliyu I. Lawan, MD**  
Federal Teaching  
Hospital / Gombe State  
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**Louis Ngendahayo, MD,  
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Burundi



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MBChB, MMed**  
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College of Health  
Sciences  
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Shukraraj Tropical and  
Infectious Disease  
Hospital  
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University of Nigeria  
Teaching Hospital  
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Munoko, MBChB, MMed**  
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Kitwe Teaching Hospital  
Zambia



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Nyangena, MBChB,  
MMed**  
Aga Khan Hospital,  
Kisumuy  
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University of Medicine and  
Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh  
City  
Vietnam

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- Serve as a grant reviewer
- Mentor a pathology resident
- Apply for a CAP Foundation grant or award

Learn more at [foundation.cap.org](https://foundation.cap.org) or contact Julia Rankenburg at [jranken@cap.org](mailto:jranken@cap.org) or 1-847-832-7931.

# See, Test & Treat Gives Patient Crucial Diagnosis, Care



Volunteers at Montefiore Medical Center's 2021 See, Test & Treat program.

Claudia Orozco knew the risks of cervical cancer before she checked in for her appointment at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx during their See, Test & Treat program in May of 2021. The disease upended Claudia's family when her mother died from cervical cancer at the age of 33.

Even so, Claudia had not been to a doctor for regular exams or screenings since shortly after the birth of her 9-year-old son. Like many across the United States, a combination of lack of health insurance and high costs of care made her think twice before making appointments.

"A lot of the time, I just avoid going to the hospital because I don't have health insurance and it's very expensive," Claudia said. "It's really, really expensive to get medical care in New York, so unless you have an emergency, it's best to stay away."

That was until she saw a Facebook post and a flyer in the community about the upcoming See, Test & Treat program, led by pathologists Mark Suhrland, MD, FCAP, and Michael Prystowsky, MD, PhD, FCAP, which provides free cervical cancer and breast cancer screenings, health information, and other care.

Claudia explained, "So when I saw they were going to do different things,

different screenings and that it was free, that was why I said to myself, 'I have to go.'"

## Detecting Cervical Issues Early

Claudia is glad she sought care when she did. The pathologist-led laboratory team quickly processed her Pap test, which screens for cervical cancer or cell changes that may lead to cervical cancer. They discovered a concerning abnormality.

Talitha L. Bruney, MD, is a physician in obstetrics and gynecology at Montefiore who worked with pathologists at the program and provided Claudia's follow-up care. Dr. Bruney has volunteered with See, Test & Treat since 2015.

She explained that the abnormal Pap test showed high-grade features, which can be an indication of abnormal changes on the cervix and require a colposcopy to provide a more detailed inspection. From there, doctors recommended a biopsy, which showed high-grade, pre-cancerous abnormalities.

Dr. Bruney stressed that the abnormalities in this case were not yet cancerous, and the patient elected to have a loop electrode excisional procedure to remove abnormal parts of the cervix. Claudia will need to continue regular screenings to monitor and ensure the condition does not progress.

## Making Patients Comfortable

Claudia said that while the outcome was concerning, she was relieved it was not more serious.

"I felt good about it because they really explained each test well and the reasoning behind them to clear up any of my concerns," she said.

Claudia further elaborated on her feelings: "I was a little nervous when they did the first one because they told me it could be cancer. And I have my family history with cancer and

it's something that scares me. But I definitely feel better now having a clear answer."

The relief she felt from her diagnosis, care, and follow-up treatment was not all. Claudia found the whole experience to be welcoming and comforting for her and her family.

Claudia explained that she went to the See, Test & Treat program with two of her children, one of whom, her son, has autism.

"So, it's hard for him to be in a place and be calm. But the people who were in the lobby and explaining the cells and everything, they took time not only to explain everything to me, but also to make sure ... he didn't get upset," she said. "And that was so amazing to me because, sometimes, you just avoid going certain places because it's not easy for my son to stay in one spot."

Not only that, but Claudia was able to easily speak in her native Spanish with her physician so she could feel comfortable and properly understand her diagnosis and treatment without having to go through an interpreter.

She said, "Really the difference is night and day. Because sometimes you have a lot of questions and at times they give you an interpreter, but it's not the same as seeing the person's face and telling them, 'I have been feeling like this, this is going on,' and it's so much more comfortable."



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### Encouraging Regular Care

Free care in a respectful and welcoming setting is at the heart of the See, Test & Treat program. When

patients have a good experience, they are more likely to return to their local health networks for regular health care. Dr. Suhrland, a lead pathologist for the Montefiore program, knows what patients like Claudia are up against and how important it is to bring them into the health care fold.

“Claudia’s story exemplifies the mission of See, Test & Treat: to screen an underserved population, educate, and engage patients into the health care system,” Dr. Suhrland said. “The barriers to access that were involved—cost, apprehension, language, and childcare—are but a few of the barriers that all See, Test & Treat programs seek to alleviate.”

Said S. Saab, MD, an obstetrician-gynecologist at Montefiore, also weighed in on the program: “This is a wonderful opportunity to make health

care accessible to our community, regardless of background and immigration status. Often it also serves as a means to tie patients back into care, or to initiate care.”

Claudia’s experience shows programs like See, Test & Treat work in not only getting free essential screening, but also promoting health education and regular care.

“If a person is a little scared, then you start to worry, but it’s always better to know and go see a doctor, because if you get checked out then you have the option to get it taken care of,” Claudia said. “If you never go to get it checked out, then you’ll never know what is going on and it might just be too late when you do find out.”

[Learn more and support See, Test & Treat: foundation.cap.org/get-involved/see-test-treat-program.](https://foundation.cap.org/get-involved/see-test-treat-program)

## 2022 CAP Foundation Fall Award Winners

### Gene and Jean Herbek Humanitarian Award

**Rebecca A Osgood, MD, FCAP**  
Cambridge Health Alliance  
Cambridge, MA

### See, Test & Treat Outstanding Partner Award

**Damali Campbell, MD**  
Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School/  
University Hospital Newark  
Newark, NJ

### Leadership Development Award

**Bindu Challa, MBBS**  
The Ohio State University  
Columbus, OH

### Lacey Durham, MD

Northwestern University Feinberg  
School of Medicine  
Chicago, IL

### Juanita Ferreira, MD, MMed

University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY

### Isa Mulingbayan Jacoba, MD

Boston Medical Center/Boston University  
Boston, MA

### Olanrewaju Oni, MD

Howard University Hospital  
Washington, DC

### Digital Pathology Observership Grant

Sponsored by AstraZeneca  
**Kristina Doytcheva, MD**  
University of Chicago Medical Center  
Chicago, IL

### David Nai, MD

University of Michigan Hospital  
and Health System  
Ann Arbor, MI

### Digital Pathology & Artificial Intelligence Advanced Training Grant

Sponsored by PathAI  
**Justin Ren Yuan Chang, MD, MS**  
VCU Health System  
Richmond, VA

### Global Pathology Award

**Emily Boakye-Yiadom, MBChB, MGCP**  
University of Health and Allied Sciences  
Ghana

### Daniel Schmolze, MD, FCAP

Beckman Research Institute at the  
City of Hope  
Duarte, CA

### Ngoc Tran, MBChB, MD, MS, FCAP

Open Pathology Education Network  
Oklahoma City, OK

### Young Investigator HER2 Research Award

Sponsored by AstraZeneca and Daiichi  
Sankyo, Inc.  
**Xiaoxian Li, MD, PhD, FCAP**  
Emory University  
Atlanta, GA

### John H. Rippey Grant for Expedited Research

**Saba Shafi, MD**  
The Ohio State University Wexner  
Medical Center  
Columbus, OH

### Yayuan Zhao, MD, PhD

University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatchewan, Canada

For the full list of 2022 CAP Foundation award winners, [visit foundation.cap.org/our-impact/2022-award-winners](https://foundation.cap.org/our-impact/2022-award-winners)

## 2022 CAP Foundation Award Winners Informatics Travel Award

The Informatics Travel Award provides CAP Junior Members a stipend to attend informatics based educational sessions at the CAP annual meeting where they learn from experts in the field of informatics, clinical applications, standardized reporting and laboratory test utilization, electronic health records, workflow, and patient safety.



**Pratik Deb, MD, PhD**  
Rutgers New Jersey  
Medical School  
Newark, NJ



**Taryme Lopez-Diaz, MD**  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY



**Vandan Panwar, MD**  
University of Texas  
Southwestern Medical  
Center  
Dallas, TX



**Hardik Sonani, MBBS**  
University of  
Mississippi Medical  
Center  
Jackson, MS



**Brian Vadasz, MD, MSc**  
McGaw Medical Center of  
Northwestern University  
Chicago, IL

## Translational Diagnostics Advanced Training Grant

This grant offers CAP Junior Members hands-on exposure to ways in which novel histopathology-based diagnostic assays are developed and allows recipients to tailor their experience to explore R&D innovation, scientific and clinical affairs, digital pathology and whole slide imaging, and more.



**Shuyu E, MD, PhD**  
University of Tennessee  
Health Science Center  
Memphis, TN



**Ruihe Lin, MD,**  
Thomas Jefferson  
University  
Philadelphia, PA

## 2022 Medical Student Travel Award

The Medical Student Travel Award is intended to encourage and support medical students showing a strong interest in the specialty of pathology as a career choice. It provides attendance to CAP meetings and events where awardees will gain valuable insight and critical knowledge from experts regarding the field of pathology and its career pathways.

**Katherine Case**, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

**Macy Cummins**, The University of Mississippi Medical Center,  
Jackson, MS

**John Daines**, Washington University in St. Louis School of  
Medicine, Saint Louis, MO

**Joshua Fernandez de la Vega**, University of Texas Medical  
Branch, Galveston, TX

**Jerome Givi**, West Virginia University School of Medicine,  
Morgantown, WV

**Meredith Herman**, Michigan State University College of  
Osteopathic Medicine, East Lansing, MI

**Curtiss Johnson**, Michigan State University College of  
Osteopathic Medicine, East Lansing, MI

**Zachary Kadow**, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

**Vincent Youngwha Lee**, Kansas City University, Kansas City, MO

**Alexandra Mease**, TUSF Morsani College of Medicine, Tampa, FL

**Ronald Phillips**, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown  
University, Providence, RI

**Jacob Rattin**, Midwestern University Downers Grove, IL

**Hayley Sanchez**, Saint Louis University School of Medicine,  
St. Louis, MO

**Jacob Shaner**, University of Arizona College of Medicine -  
Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ

**Pierre Tran**, Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA

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