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An Opportunity to Close the Gap

2019 CAP Foundation Medical Student Travel Award recipients

Leadership is at the center of the Foundation's mission.

We award scholarships for scientific training, and leadership development to help prepare the pathologist leaders of tomorrow; and we mobilize pathologists to lead cancer screening, diagnosis, and access to care to patients in their underserved communities.

Our flagship program, See, Test & Treat®, is an outstanding example of the ways pathologists can be leaders in the community and their health care organizations to raise the visibility of the specialty.

Leadership is the key to the sustainability of the Foundation's work.

The CAP Foundation – YOUR Foundation! – managed 15 See, Test & Treat programs this year, thanks to your donations, and the work of CAP members.

Expanding coverage by bringing See, Test & Treat to more locations, to close the gap between people who have health insurance and those who have little to no access to the health care system, has created ANOTHER gap, the need for increased funding.

That's where leadership comes in.

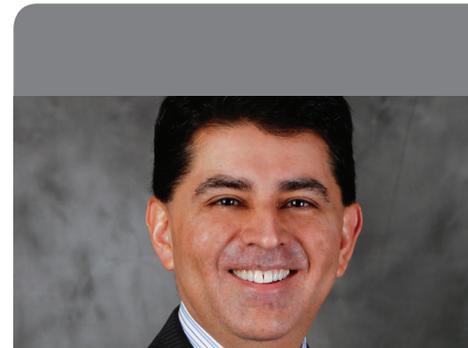
Dina R. Mody, MD, FCAP, this year's Herbek Humanitarian Award winner, has taken many steps to close the gap. "You don't have to go far to change lives. Charity begins at home, and through the See, Test & Treat program, the CAP Foundation epitomizes that philosophy."

Your year-end donation can help us close both gaps and reach 100% funding.

At the CAP annual meeting, I connected with recipients of the Medical Student Travel Awards, the Leadership Development Awards, Informatics Awards, and the Herbek Humanitarian Award. These women and men represent the pathologists of today and the pathologists of the future. Their applications and their work indicate a high level of enthusiasm. They are proud of their ability to impact people's lives.

By donating to the CAP Foundation you are investing in the future of your specialty.

In my view, that's what leadership means.



President, CAP Foundation
Guillermo G. Martinez-Torres,
MD, FCAP

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Meet the Leaders and Supporters of Your Foundation



Board of Directors: Seated (from left): Bharati S. Jhaveri, MD, FCAP (Board of Governors Liaison); Carey Z. August, MD, FCAP (Vice President); Guillermo G. Martinez-Torres, MD, FCAP (President); Karim E. Sirgi, MD, MBA, FCAP (Past President); and Maryrose T. Murphy, MS, MBA (Executive Director).

Second row: S. Robert Freedman, MD, FCAP; Jessica L. Dillon, MD, FCAP; Gail R. Janes, PhD, MS; Eva M. Wojcik, MD, FCAP; Sonia C. Robazetti, MD, CCRC; Iris D. Martin, MD, MPH (Junior Member Director); Marvin Kogan; Gerald R. Hanson, MD, FCAP; and Alvin M. Ring, MD, FCAP.

Back row: Wayne L. Garrett, DO, FCAP; Stephen R. Myers (CAP CEO); Ronald L. Weiss, MD, MBA, FCAP; and Rajesh C. Dash, MD, FCAP (Board of Governors Liaison).

Not pictured: Matthew Q. Christensen, MBA (Secretary-Treasurer); and Nicholas T. Serafy, Jr.

Thanks to a generous contribution from Dr. & Mrs. Gerald R. Hanson, the CAP Foundation will begin exploring opportunities in global pathology in 2020.

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Serving 1,000 Women in Texas Since 2012

In 2011, Dina R. Mody, MD, FCAP, the medical director of cytopathology at Houston Methodist Hospital, and other faculty members were approached to host a See, Test & Treat program. The CAP Foundation initiative provides free cervical and breast cancer screenings to underserved women across the United States with prompt results, follow-up care, and education. At the time, Dr. Mody did not know the impact the program would have on her community, but she thought it was worth doing.

“Although the United States is the land of plenty, there are still many underserved amongst us who do not have cervical cancer, breast cancer, and other screening services available to them,” Dr. Mody said.

She led her first See, Test & Treat program in January of 2012 at Southwest Multiservice Center, a local community center in Houston. In partnership with a local Latina organization, “Dia de la Mujer Latina,” the program provided breast and cervical cancer screenings along with culturally appropriate health education to a primarily Spanish-speaking community, serving over 187 patients.

Since that first event, Dr. Mody has been a pioneer and advocate for See, Test & Treat. Working with a team of volunteers from Houston Methodist

Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine, MD Anderson Cancer Center, and Houston-based BioReference Laboratories, she and her colleagues have spearheaded several See, Test & Treat programs, collectively serving over 1,000 women in the Houston community.

Her work with the program has garnered her this year’s Gene and Jean Herbek Humanitarian Award.

A past president of the CAP, Gene N. Herbek, MD, FCAP, brought the first See, Test & Treat program to Native American women in South Dakota in 2001. His wife, Jean, shares his commitment to women’s health. Their namesake award was introduced in 2011 and honors See, Test & Treat leaders who have made innovative and unique contributions to advance the program. Recipients must be nominated in order to receive consideration.

In her nomination application, Carol Robazetti, MD, CCRC, a member of the CAP Foundation Board of Directors,



At the CAP annual meeting Dr. Martinez-Torres presents the humanitarian award to Dr. Mody, with Dr. and Mrs. Herbek.

explained how Dr. Mody’s leadership drove the expansion of the See, Test & Treat program in Texas.

“Not only was she instrumental in gaining and retaining support of clinical partners, processing services, and resources, she also inspired others to move forward and institute their own See, Test & Treat programs,” Dr. Robazetti said.

Dr. Mody accepted the Herbek Humanitarian award on behalf of Team Houston Methodist Hospital and BioReference Laboratories at CAP19, the College of American Pathologists annual meeting.

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—Dr. Dina Mody

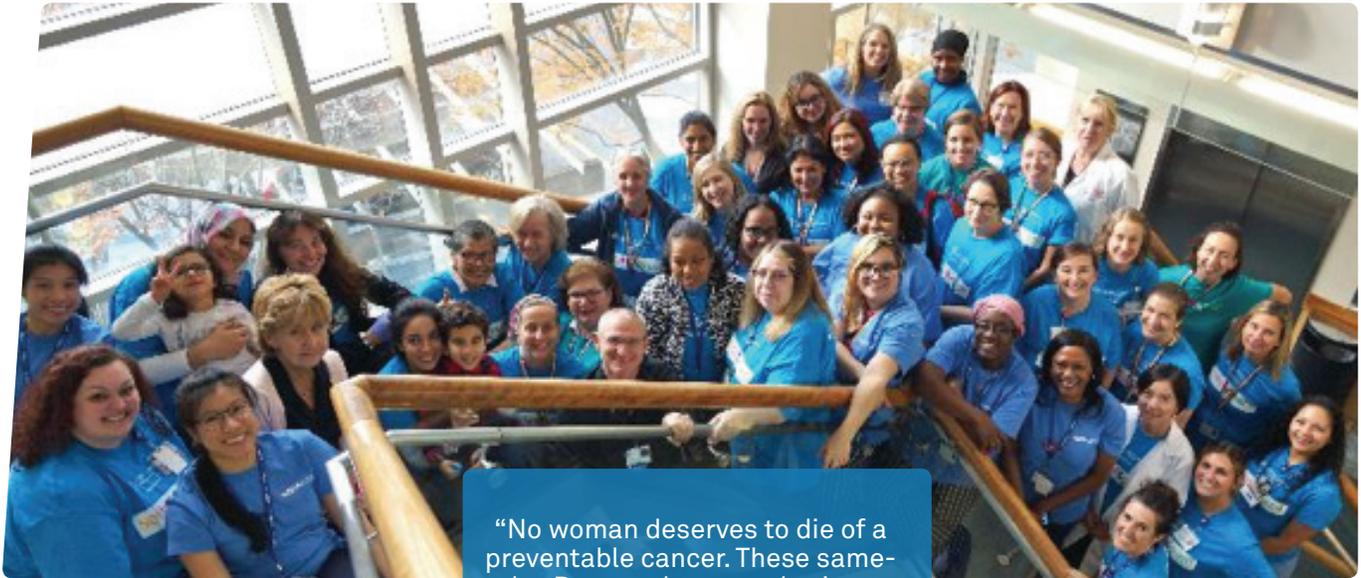


Patients at a See, Test & Treat program in Texas.

Cancer Screening and Health Fair at Cambridge Health Alliance

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) recently hosted its second See, Test & Treat event, serving nearly 80 patients, completing 53 Pap tests, and 28 mammograms. The demand for the program was so great that 23 additional women were scheduled for free screenings on a second See, Test & Treat date in December.

In addition to the cancer screenings, the day was filled with such activities as yoga, smoothie bowl demonstrations, reiki, and an on-site health fair where 40 flu shots were administered, and more than 30 women had dermatology screenings.



“No woman deserves to die of a preventable cancer. These same-day Pap results not only give a personal touch to the delivery of health care to these women but allow for an immediate connection for follow up care prior to leaving the event.”

—Dr. Rebecca Osgood



Nutrition education includes fresh produce for program attendees.



CHA’s Volunteer Health Advisors with 98-year-old Mary Piorun (center), a Community Health Improvement volunteer, who knitted hats to give to patients.



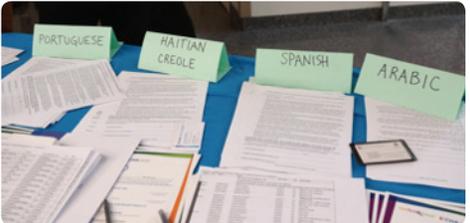
Dr. Tong Sun, a cytopathology fellow, helps a patient understand dysplasia.

“Being an immigrant makes me feel nobody. Today I’ve received a love that started to cure some sickness inside of me. I saw in every face a smile...I saw many people making a difference in other people’s lives like mine.”

—Sylvania, ST&T patient



Rebecca Osgood, MD, FCAP, lead pathologist of the See, Test & Treat program and Chief of Pathology and Clinical laboratory medicine.



Health information is available for a diverse community of patients.

Informatics Award Shapes Careers



Dr. Rajesh Dash: technology is a recipe for success.

“The Informatics Award really opened my eyes to opportunities to become involved in organized medicine; for me, it represented a unique opportunity to meet individuals who are advancing how technology is used in our specialty.”

So says Rajesh C. Dash, MD, FCAP, an active member of the CAP, a member of the CAP’s Board of Governors, and a 1997 recipient of the CAP Foundation’s Informatics Award. Serving also as the liaison to the CAP Foundation’s board of directors, Dr. Dash recognizes the value that the CAP and the CAP Foundation provides to the specialty and to CAP members.

“The award provides the funds necessary to get an introduction for how the field is changing, and who is changing it,” Dr. Dash said.

Growing up, Dr. Dash had always had an interest in technology and working with his hands. He was fascinated with video games and computers and used those skills to start developing software to help cover the costs of college. Through those early experiences, Dr. Dash learned that he did not want to sit at a cubicle being directed on what type of software to develop. By choosing pathology he was able to take

his passion for programming and computer science and apply it to his interests in diagnostic medicine.

The Informatics Award offered Dr. Dash the opportunity to broaden his perspective on how to leverage his interest in computer science within the field of pathology. Dr. Dash is not only a supporter of the CAP Foundation’s grants and awards, but also the See, Test & Treat program. This year, the CAP Foundation hosted 15 programs and offered free cervical and breast cancer screenings to underserved women throughout the country, with the hope to provide education and support to even more women in 2020.

“The CAP Foundation has a recipe for success, and we need to leverage the technology available to us to scale up on these early successes. We have the capacity and capability to do more. And that requires greater funds,” said Dr. Dash. “It is up to us to use our technology to create resources to allow pathologists to be the champions in their own health care systems to run these programs. It can be very challenging and intimidating, but we have the pathologist leaders who can do it.”



Dr. Clavijo (right) reviews a case with co-residents at Augusta University.



Dr. LaValley (left) shows a junior resident how to use new voice recognition software at the University of Vermont Medical School.

Technology Is Their Passion

Alex Clavijo, MD, Augusta (Georgia) University Department of Pathology; Huiya Huang MD, PhD, Medical College of Wisconsin Department of Pathology; Clayton LaValley, MD, University of Vermont Medical Center; and Mona Wood, MD, PhD, Stanford (California) Hospital & Clinics, received the 2019 CAP Foundation Informatics Award at the College of American Pathologists annual meeting.

Their interests are similar to those of Dr. Dash.

For example, Dr. Clavijo, the AP/CP (anatomic and clinical pathology) chief resident at Augusta University, is working on an app-based communication system to report critical values instead of a phone call and page.

“This award has allowed me to attend cutting-edge lectures from some of the biggest names in informatics. The opportunities for networking were great as it gave me more insight on potential future projects and possible fellowship opportunities.”

Technology is also an interest for Dr. LaValley.

A fourth-year AP/CP resident at the University of Vermont Medical Center, he is currently working on his department’s implementation of Epic Beaker as well as a new voice recognition/dictation platform, M* Modal. The goal is to optimize pathologist and resident workflow during sign-out and in the gross room.

“The Informatics Award provides residents with the opportunity to learn more about the field of informatics that might otherwise be lacking in their residency training,” said Dr. LaValley.



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