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## Making Lemonade Out of 2020: Foundation Pivots to Support Pathologists and Patients During Unprecedented Year



Maryrose Murphy, CAP Foundation executive director;  
Eva M. Wojcik, MD, FCAP, CAP Foundation board vice  
president; Carey Z. August, MD, FCAP, CAP Foundation  
board president.

You know how difficult this year has been. I probably don't need to spell it out, but I will say I'm so proud of pathologists everywhere who have stepped up to meet a health crisis unprecedented in our careers. We've redefined our dedication to quality patient care through the medical laboratory, and the CAP Foundation was able to adapt to support pathologists and their patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

See, Test & Treat® was able to continue safely as planned at several host sites in 2020, providing free breast and cervical cancer screening during a time when health and financial strain are top of mind for many families across the nation. While some host sites decided to defer their programs to 2021, eight institutions hosted See, Test & Treat events serving hundreds of women with essential health care and education.

Health care disparities in the US continue to be a major issue highlighted by the fallout from the pandemic and the continued fight for racial equity. The CAP Foundation is proud to provide care to some of our most at-risk communities during a time of dire need.

In the spring, we were able to quickly pivot to address the needs of laboratories working tirelessly to implement COVID-19 testing. This relief came in the form of the John H. Rippey Grant for Expedited Research.

Five research projects were awarded funding to investigate saliva testing for the virus, correlation of outcomes from convalescent plasma transfusions, lot-to-lot test kit variation, and informatics driven analysis of seropositivity and disease severity.

In the era of Zoom meetings and virtual meetups, the CAP Foundation successfully transitioned to online initiatives. The new Gerald R. Hanson, MD, FCAP, Global Pathology Fund provided free education to several pathologists outside the US with complimentary CAP memberships and admission to CAP20 Virtual. Donors also did their part while staying socially distanced during September with the first-ever virtual 5K to support See, Test & Treat. Their running, walking, rolling, and fundraising brought in \$28,000 to help solidify the future of the Foundation.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Carey Z. August, MD, FCAP

Thank you to all the supporters of the CAP Foundation, to the pathologists and laboratory professionals in the field, and to Guillermo G. Martinez-Torres, MD, FCAP. Without your leadership as president of the CAP Foundation, I'm sure it would have been a more difficult year with fewer silver linings to pluck from the gray.

I will do my best to take what I've learned in 2020 into my years as president. I look forward to working with all of you in growing a reliable, agile, and effective CAP Foundation to serve pathologists and patients, no matter the challenge.

Sincerely,

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

# Foundation Partners with Hologic to Combat Health Inequity

The CAP Foundation and its See, Test & Treat® program empowers pathologists across the US to help address health care inequity in their communities. It's been at the heart of the organization's mission for over a decade. However, it wouldn't be possible without the partnerships with health care organizations that share the same vision.

Hologic Inc., a leading supplier of breast and cervical cancer screening technologies, has continued to champion women's health throughout 2020 by supplying Pap and HPV tests and testing technology at See, Test & Treat events.

Pathologists know the importance of reliable and accurate testing. And now, hundreds of more medically at-risk women who received care at See, Test & Treat programs can breathe easier knowing they've received top-quality screening at no cost.

"We know that preventive screening and early detection save lives, and Hologic believes that all women, regardless of income or socioeconomic status, should enjoy the benefits of preventive health care," said Anne Roddick, director of global women's health and strategic partnerships at Hologic.

Hologic has partnered with See, Test & Treat for nearly 15 years, and understands the essential work it takes to both provide free care and empower the pathologists who oversee medical laboratories and testing.

But, Roddick explained, the landmark health and societal crises of 2020 have furthered the organization's resolve.



Katie Hughes, CT (ASCP), cytology applications specialist with Hologic, helps support Pap testing at the NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center annual See, Test & Treat program.



She said, "The events of 2020 have put a spotlight on racism and racial inequality issues in the United States, and Hologic increased our overall charitable giving this year with a focus on health and education disparities."

The CAP Foundation agrees that now, more than ever, is the time to step up efforts to address these issues and provide care to communities in need.

"We've always strived to make an impact by providing not only free care, but health education to women across the US," said Maryrose Murphy, CAP Foundation executive director. "With the help of Hologic, we've been able to make a more meaningful impact and will continue to find new ways to help pathologists help their patients."

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, both the CAP Foundation and Hologic used the tools at their disposal to help. The Foundation found creative ways to raise money with their virtual 5K, while also reassessing initiatives that could be used

for COVID-19 like the John H. Rippey Grant for Expedited Research.

For Hologic, that help came in the form of quickly developing diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2. The organization has produced tens of millions of tests and is currently ramping up production to help address the winter surge, according to Roddick.

She said, "The pandemic has highlighted the importance of accurate and reliable diagnostic testing in providing optimal health care."

Murphy agreed, "The fallout from COVID-19 has hit lower income communities and people of color particularly hard—with help from donors and partners, the Foundation and its pathologist leaders are proud to help close these gaps in care."

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# See, Test & Treat Continues to Provide Free Preventative Cancer Care, Promote Health Empowerment During Pandemic



A.T. Still University (ATSU) of Health Sciences Medical Students supporting the North Country Health Care See, Test & Treat program that took place in Flagstaff, AZ. (Tiffany Cheng Photography/Tiffany Cheng)

Life-threatening diseases like cervical and breast cancer unfortunately don't take a break for the COVID-19 pandemic. Recent studies have shown that more patients than usual have foregone regular preventative care and screenings over the past several months due to safety and cost concerns.

When families are concerned about their health and economic security, See, Test & Treat has been able to deliver relief to those communities who are most at risk. Patients in northern Arizona were able to safely access free, preventative care at North Country HealthCare in Flagstaff during their See, Test & Treat program on September 12.

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He knows the value of See, Test & Treat after hosting several events in Mississippi where health care inequity is at its most visible in the United States.

After moving to the Flagstaff area and volunteering to be the lead pathologist for the North Country



Lead pathologist Stephen Raab, MD, FCAP, poses with Karen Holder, FNP, MHS, CNM. (Tiffany Cheng Photography/Tiffany Cheng)

program, he knew there would be challenges to discover and address.

“Usually these issues relate to gaps between communities and health care providers,” Dr. Raab said. “I think a goal is for providers to learn the methods of empowering communities rather than just providing services.”

Unfortunately, See, Test & Treat cannot continually serve a community for its basic and preventative care needs. That is why the CAP Foundation created the program to be both a source for free care and education as well as a touchpoint between a health care institution and its community.

Through See, Test & Treat, medically underserved women receive free cancer screening, learn why preventative care is important, and connect to a variety of services to help ensure they receive affordable care in the future. As Dr. Raab said, “It helps the community and the health care organization to redistribute the activities of community ownership.”

While some partners—like those providing dental services—weren't able to host in-person services due to COVID-19, they did provide educational materials and supplies. There were also healthy food demonstrations and health care professionals to educate about breast cancer self-checks and mammograms.

Toothbrushes and nutritious food options may seem like a small detail, but these services helped promote community health and connect patients to cost-effective providers in the area.

Organizers wanted to provide as many resources as they could while still hosting an event that would make both volunteers and patients comfortable and safe during a



Left: Mother and daughter receive screening at STT; Right: Kristi Boniella with a clinician volunteer confirming patient information. (Tiffany Cheng Photography/Tiffany Cheng)

pandemic. Safety and social distancing were top of mind for the event as volunteers set up outdoor registration areas and spaced patient visits by 20 minutes, allowing for speedy and safe patient intake.

Unfortunately, Dr. Raab wasn't able to bring out his double-sided microscope to show patients slides due to distancing issues. But they were able to provide the necessary breast and cervical screenings, educational resources, additional information on follow-up care, and

answer questions from patients.

Like most See, Test & Treat events, translators were on hand to serve patients in the language they felt most comfortable—a feature appreciated by the many Spanish-speaking patients at this event.

Shortly before the event, the partnering hospital had to pull their laboratory and radiology support due to COVID-19, according to Dr. Raab. Thankfully, organizers quickly found other partners in SimonMed and Lab Corp to screen

over 50 women for breast and cervical cancers, two of whom required follow-up services due to abnormal results.

After the Flagstaff See, Test & Treat event at North Country Healthcare, dozens of women and their families can have peace of mind knowing they've received preventative cancer screening at no cost. When many families' health and finances are top of mind, the CAP Foundation is proud to partner with pathologists to serve patient communities.

## 2020 Foundation Award Winners

The CAP Foundation is proud to acknowledge the contributions of an outstanding group of award recipients for their work in advancing pathology and promoting our shared values.

### Gene and Jean Herbek Humanitarian Award Recipient

**Gregory M. Dickinson, MD**  
Montefiore Medical Center  
Bronx, NY

### See, Test & Treat Outstanding Partner Award

**Jimmie Wells, RN, MSN, OCN**  
University of Mississippi Medical Center  
Jackson, MS

### Leadership Development Award

**Albert Alhatem, MD**  
Rutgers NJMS  
Newark, NJ

### Deepak Donthi, MD, MBBS, MPH

East Carolina University/Vidant  
Medical Center  
Greenville, NC

### Samreen Fathima, MD, MBBS

Baylor University Medical Center  
Dallas, TX

### Lianna Goetz, MD

Penn State Health, Milton S. Hershey  
Medical Center  
Hershey, PA

### Gagandeep Kaur, MD

Danbury Hospital  
Danbury, CT

### Karleen Meiklejohn, MD

University of Arizona/Banner University  
Medical Center  
Tucson, AZ

### Informatics Award

#### Evi Abada, MD

Wayne State University/Detroit  
Medical Center  
Sterling Heights, MI

#### Iny Jhun, MD, SCD

Stanford Health Care  
Palo Alto, CA

#### Richard Xiang, MD, PhD

Mackenzie Building, QEII Health  
Sciences Centre  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

### Melissa Zhao, MD

Brigham and Women's Hospital  
Boston, MA

### Translational Diagnostics Advanced Training Grant

#### Kelly Olson, MD

University of Wisconsin Hospitals  
and Clinics  
Madison, WI

#### Joseph Rohr, MD, PhD

University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Omaha, NE

### CAP20 Virtual Global Pathology Education Award

#### Fahad Alam, MD

National Medical College, Nepal

#### Shaimaa Abdelmalik Hassan Pessar, MD

Ain Shams University, Egypt

#### Chuong Tran, MD

Bach Mai Hospital, Vietnam

For photos of all 2020 awardees, visit: <https://foundation.cap.org/our-impact/2020-award-winners/>

## 2020 Foundation Award Winners

### 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.



**Michelle Alterman**  
University of Texas  
Medical Branch  
Galveston, TX



**Quinlan Carlson**  
University of Arizona  
College of Medicine-  
Tucson  
Tucson, AZ



**Henrietta Fasanya**  
University of Florida  
College of Medicine  
Gainesville, FL



**Anh Huynh**  
Baylor College  
of Medicine  
Houston, TX



**Jacob Jerome**  
University of Pittsburgh  
School of Medicine  
Pittsburgh, PA



**Shuchi Zinzuwadia**  
Loyola University  
Stritch School of  
Medicine  
Maywood, IL



**Cullen Lilley**  
Loyola University  
Stritch School  
of Medicine  
Maywood, IL



**Adam Lyle**  
Touro University  
California  
Vallejo, CA



**Marc Rodriguez**  
University of Illinois  
Chicago, IL



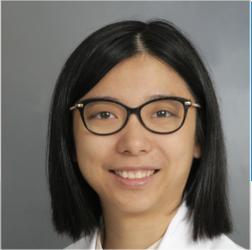
**Jamie Shah**  
Kansas City University  
of Medicine and  
Biosciences  
Kansas City, MO



**Tyler Wildes**  
University of Florida  
Gainesville, FL

## Rippee Grant

The CAP Foundation repositioned this grant to provide funding for investigation of the impact of COVID-19-related tests, principally nucleic acid amplification and serologic methods, on patient outcomes.



**Ji Dong Bai, MSc, MD**  
Renaissance School  
of Medicine at  
Stony Brook  
Stony Brook, NY



**Brad S. Karon, MD,  
PhD, FCAP**  
Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, MN



**Alexander Maris, MD**  
Vanderbilt University  
Medical Center  
Nashville, TN



**Wade L. Schulz, MD,  
PhD, FCAP**  
Yale University  
New Haven, CT



**Christopher Tormey,  
MD, FCAP**  
Yale-New Haven  
Hospital/Yale School  
of Medicine  
New Haven, CT

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- Mentor a pathology resident
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