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New Joint Commission Laboratory Clinical Director Appointed

(OAKBROOK TERRACE, Ill. – February 5, 2015) The Joint Commission today announced the appointment of John D. Cochran, M.D., FCAP, to the newly created position of clinical director of its Laboratory Services Accreditation program.

In this role, Dr. Cochran will be a peer contact for laboratory directors and pathologists. Additional responsibilities include representing The Joint Commission at annual meetings and conferences and identifying standards enhancements.

“Dr. Cochran has worked as a surveyor for The Joint Commission since 2011 and now we are pleased that he is taking on this new leadership position. His background as a laboratory pathologist and director will help strengthen the value of our services to laboratories,” said Charles Mowll, FACHE, CSSBB, executive vice president, Division of Business Development, Government and External Relations, The Joint Commission.

Dr. Cochran assumed his new duties on September 1, 2014. His role also includes leading the Joint Commission’s newly formed Pathology Advisory Committee. The committee, comprised of nationally known pathologists, addresses topics specific to anatomic pathology (AP) operations and develops and refines accreditation requirements so that AP concerns are as well-represented in the standards and survey process as clinical pathology.

“The main goal of this new position is to develop awareness among my pathology colleagues that The Joint Commission is in the business of accrediting labs and ensuring that quality diagnostic care is given to patients,” Dr. Cochran says. “As a
lab developer, practice owner and Joint Commission surveyor, I was in a unique position to walk into these duties. I understand how labs become accredited, what value it has for them, and why The Joint Commission should be the choice of every lab.”

Dr. Cochran completed his medical and pathology training at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. He will continue in his position as laboratory director at Pathology Lab of Georgia, LLC, in Decatur, Georgia.

The Joint Commission has accredited hospital laboratory services since 1979 and freestanding laboratories since 1995. More than 1,500 laboratories, including hospital labs, reference labs, blood transfusion and donor centers, public health laboratories, and point-of-care test sites, currently maintain Laboratory Services Accreditation from The Joint Commission.

For more information about Laboratory Services Accreditation, visit [http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/laboratory.aspx](http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/laboratory.aspx).

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