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HALIFAX REGIONAL'S LAB RECOGNIZED

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (May 11, 2012)—The laboratory at Halifax Regional has been awarded re-accreditation by the College of American Pathologists.

Accreditation means the laboratory at Halifax Regional is part of a group of laboratories worldwide that meet the highest standards of excellence to positively impact patient care. The goal of the accreditation program is to improve patient safety by advancing the quality of pathology and laboratory services.

“The lab staff worked closely with the pathologists to achieve this designation again,” said Wanda Catt, manager of the laboratory. “The program is based on rigorous accreditation standards that are translated into detailed and focused checklist requirements.”

The laboratory staff at Halifax Regional totals 33 people and conducts one million tests annually.

“We work behind the scenes, but our work touches every patient that comes into the Medical Center,” explains Catt. “We produce information to help physicians diagnose and treat their patients.”

A Roanoke Rapids native, Catt is a graduate of North Carolina Wesleyan College and received her Master's degree from the University of North Carolina. She has worked at Halifax Regional 18 years.

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About Halifax Regional

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.org.