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IQLM Controversies in Lab Medicine Published In MedGenMed

Arlington, Virginia – The Institute for Quality in Laboratory Medicine (IQLM) today published the first in a series of articles in *Medscape General Medicine* that will address controversies in laboratory medicine.

“This monthly series, presented by the Institute for Quality in Laboratory Medicine (IQLM), intends to highlight issues and topics within the field of laboratory diagnostics that may have two or more points of view,” explained Robin Stompler, IQLM Chief Executive Officer. “We are delighted that *Medscape General Medicine*, with its substantial readership and accessible electronic format, has agreed to publish the series.”

Medscape General Medicine (www.medgenmed.com) is an original online open access peer-reviewed general medical journal and is published by Medscape from *WebMD* (www.medscape.com), the leading professional medical information site. Articles are published free of charge online and also appear in Medline.

“The addition of this series from the IQLM will bring value to physicians, other healthcare professionals and consumers by imparting information on laboratory practices from a variety of perspectives,” noted George Lundberg, MD, Editor-in-Chief of Medscape Core and *Medscape General Medicine*. “At Medscape, we are committed to delivering information on quality and safety to the broad universe of individuals involved in the laboratory field.”

The first articles in the series - *Top Five Issues that Irritate Physicians about the Laboratory vs. Top Five Issues that Irritate the Laboratory about Physicians* – were written by John R. Butterly, MD, Vice-Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center; Executive Medical Director of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center; and Associate Professor of Medicine at Dartmouth Medical School, and by Richard E. Horowitz, MD, Senior Consulting Pathologist at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Clinical Professor of Pathology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles; and Clinical Professor of Pathology at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine.

The Institute for Quality in Laboratory Medicine is a new organization formed to engage the health care community in improving the use of laboratory tests and services. The Institute is the only organization bringing together clinicians, laboratory professionals, patients, manufacturers, government and accrediting bodies to work on advancing substantial improvements in quality, effectiveness, safety and appropriateness for the broad universe of laboratory testing.

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