New CAP guideline advances blood cancer diagnostics. Clinicians and patients benefit.

The CAP and its Pathology and Laboratory Quality Center have advanced blood cancer diagnostics by developing recommendations to standardize the basic components of a synoptic report template for bone marrow samples.

Bone Marrow Synoptic Reporting for Hematologic Neoplasms

Studies identified in the systematic review that showed significantly improved and more complete reporting when synoptic methods were used.

Data groups needed in a synoptic report:
1. One for diagnosis
2. One for supporting studies
3. One for ancillary data necessary for an accurate diagnosis

Guideline statements laboratories using synoptic reports should follow

Diagnosis and treatment of solid tumors have benefited from synoptic reporting. Now blood cancers will too. Improve the consistency, accuracy, and completeness of diagnostic information across clinical teams with CAP’s newest guideline.


*Inactive guidelines are no longer updated with systematic literature reviews, but the recommendations may still be useful for educational, informational, or historic purposes.