

[GenScript, Euroimmun enter distribution agreement](#)

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July 2022—GenScript USA has reached an agreement with Euroimmun US, a PerkinElmer company, for the distribution of the GenScript cPass SARS-CoV-2 Neutralization Antibody Detection Kit in the United States and Canada.



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[Transgender care, in and beyond the lab](#)

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July 2022—Gabrielle Winston-McPherson, PhD, could be talking about almost any aspect of laboratory medicine as she recounts how the Henry Ford Health chemistry division, in which she is associate director, has identified a patient care need. She talks about the desire to improve health outcomes. Identifying problems in the preanalytical process. Appropriate test utilization. Putting together a team to develop training material. Assembling data and information prior to implementation. Informatics challenges. And, naturally, the perpetual financial concern of ensuring allocation of limited resources. How else would she—or any other laboratory professional—talk about the lab’s role in transgender health care? In fact, there are many other ways to discuss the topic. “It’s been in the news a lot these days, obviously,” says Matthew Krasowski, MD, PhD, clinical professor and vice chair, clinical pathology and laboratory services, University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. In fact, there are many other ways to discuss the topic.



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[Monoclonal gammopathies: which tests and why](#)

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July 2022—Variability in testing for monoclonal immunoglobulin proteins was in part what led to the new guideline on laboratory detection and initial diagnosis of monoclonal gammopathies, published in May.



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[Histology lab tips for top-tier whole slide images](#)

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July 2022—Good slides in, good images out. Liron Pantanowitz, MD, MHA, explained how to get those good images in a recent webinar on preanalytics quality control in digital pathology, sponsored by Sunquest and made available by the Association for Pathology Informatics.



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[Emergency department tests HIV screening strategy](#)

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July 2022—Thanks to more than two years’ experience with SARS-CoV-2, perhaps at no point in U.S. history has the general public been as aware of antigen and PCR testing, and the difference between them, as it is now.



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[‘A struggle every day’—outpatient center decisions](#)

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July 2022—A time of tough choices. A complex dance. This is how Compass Group members on a call with their colleagues, led by CAP TODAY publisher Bob McGonnagle, describe what it’s like to cover outpatient centers amid severe staff shortages. “We are consuming significant resources to get all our locations staffed,” one member says. Another predicts: “We will not be out of this staffing situation for 10 years.” Here is more of what they and others talked about on June 7 as COVID positivity rates were up and monkeypox was in the news. The Compass Group is an organization of not-for-profit IDN system laboratory leaders who collaborate to identify and share best practices and strategies.



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[One hospital's story: Ins and outs of low titer O whole blood use in trauma](#)

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July 2022—Myriad questions had to be answered and plans made to put low titer O whole blood in the trauma bay at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Julie Katz Karp, MD, associate professor and director of transfusion medicine, reported why, when, and how it was done and where they stand today, in a process she describes as “a never-ending series of hoops.”



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[What's bugging the gut? A team approach](#)

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July 2022—Gut pathogens, their histologic features, and a GI pathology and microbiology team approach to diagnosis were the focus of a CAP21 session, “What’s Bugging the Gut?” Maryam Zenali, MD, Alina Iuga, MD, and Christina Wojewoda, MD, presented a series of cases and highlighted the features, the differential diagnoses, and the integrated workups. Three of their cases follow here, with others to be reported in an upcoming issue.



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[How close to patients? Cost, quality, competition](#)

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July 2022—Point-of-care versus centralized testing, and automation, IT, and staffing. It all came together as industry executives and a laboratory director and a former medical director met with CAP TODAY publisher Bob McGonnagle on May 25, as CAP TODAY's list of chemistry and immunoassay analyzers was going together. "I don't worry much about the machines or reagents," thanks to good-quality practices, said André Valcour, PhD, MBA, DABCC, of Labcorp, who noted the real focus is quality of information and information transfer. Susan Fuhrman, MD, formerly of OhioHealth, said, "We should always give our clinicians as much information as we can accurately produce and our reports should be as clear as we can make them." And of the staffing crisis: "We have a perfect storm," she said. Here is more of what they and the others had to say.



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[From the President's Desk](#)

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July 2022—The CAP has been looking to identify areas where pathologists can help overcome institutional bias in medicine. As you may have seen, the CAP recently issued a statement supporting a new position from the American Medical Association that calls for a change to the FDA's policy about blood donations from men who have sex with men. The current rule, established in early 2020 in response to a drastic blood shortage associated with pandemic lockdowns, prohibits blood donations from gay or bisexual men who have engaged in sexual activity in the prior three months. Previously, only gay or bisexual men who abstained from sex for a full year were eligible to donate blood. Many of you remember as I do the societal rejection of HIV-positive patients that occurred in the late '80s. I was in medical school at this time, working at the county hospital in Kansas City, Mo. A lack of access to health care elsewhere was only one form of rejection to which our HIV-positive patients were subjected.



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