

[Anatomic pathology selected abstracts](#)

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June 2022—Appendiceal orifice mucosae often appear inflamed endoscopically, even when other colonic segments appear normal. Histological findings in biopsy samples taken from endoscopically abnormal mucosae may simulate a variety of inflammatory colitides.



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June 2022—Sickle cell disease is caused by a point mutation in the gene encoding β -globin and is characterized by chronic hemolytic anemia, painful vaso-occlusive events, and increased risk of early death. The disease can be managed using supportive therapy, but this does not halt its progression.



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[Newsbytes](#)

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June 2022—Laboratories seeking a means to query their repository of archival anatomic pathology reports would do well to follow the advice of former tennis star Arthur Ashe: “Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can.”



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Q&A column

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Q. Can bronchoalveolar lavage specimens from multiple lobes be pooled for culture? Can multiple biopsies from the same joint be pooled for culture? [Read answer.](#)

Q. We verify our reference intervals with each new reagent lot for coagulation tests (PT, APTT, fibrinogen, and TT). What difference in values between lots necessitates establishing a new reference interval?

A CAP TODAY Q&A from January 2015 mentions limits within 1.5 seconds of each other between new and old reagent lots for human recombinant PT. What about limits for APTT and fibrinogen? [Read answer.](#)



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Letters

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June 2022—The CAP issued a statement on April 5 in support of the ADVANCE study, which hopes to end discriminatory practices based on sexual identity and/or sexual orientation in donor risk assessments and deferral periods for blood donation. Originally, the FDA instituted such discriminatory criteria on the assumption that potential donors who are gay and bisexual men who have sex with men are at an increased risk of transmission of communicable diseases, such as human immunodeficiency virus. If the results of the ADVANCE study prove this antiquated idea false, the FDA will hopefully amend the official guidance on donor eligibility for blood donation.



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Put It on the Board

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June 2022—Daiichi Sankyo and AstraZeneca's Enhertu (fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki) in April was granted breakthrough therapy designation for treating patients with unresectable or metastatic HER2-low (IHC 1+ or IHC 2+/ISH-negative) breast cancer who have received a prior systemic therapy in the metastatic setting or developed recurrence during or within six months of completing adjuvant chemotherapy.



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[Intermountain selects Gestalt, Hamamatsu for digital pathology](#)

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June 10, 2022—Intermountain Healthcare has chosen Gestalt Diagnostics and Hamamatsu Photonics to implement digital pathology across its health care system.



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[Sarstedt introduces CSF false-bottom tube](#)

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June 8, 2022—Sarstedt announced the availability of a false-bottom tube for cerebrospinal fluid with an elevated conical base.



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[Leica launches Bond-Prime staining platform](#)

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May 31, 2022—Leica Biosystems launched Bond-Prime, a high-speed immunohistochemistry and in situ hybridization staining platform.



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Bio-Rad launches CFX Duet Real-Time PCR system

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May 26, 2022—Bio-Rad Laboratories has launched the CFX Duet Real-Time PCR system to support researchers in developing singleplex and duplex quantitative PCR assays.



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