

# [Detecting myeloid malignancy minimal residual disease](#)

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October 2021—Detecting leukemic cells for post-treatment monitoring in normal karyotype acute myeloid leukemia is challenging, but new approaches to minimal residual disease monitoring may make it increasingly possible in the clinical laboratory, David Wu, MD, PhD, said in an AMP webinar he presented recently on myeloid malignancy minimal residual disease detection.



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# [Panel weighs in on practices, pressures in heme labs](#)

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October 2021—Rules, slide reviews, test ordering, and provider education were part of the conversation when CAP TODAY publisher Bob McGonnagle convened a hematology-focused virtual roundtable in late August. Workforce problems too: “We have a bigger exodus now and our pipeline is smaller,” said Eric D. Hsi, MD, of Wake Forest University.



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## [From the President's Desk: Welcome home](#)

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October 2021—I was born into the home of medicine. With a father who was an obstetrician/gynecologist and a mother who was a nurse, there was virtually no separation between our home and medical practice. And while I value how much medicine has shaped my life, I should probably note that my health-care-focused upbringing was little consolation to the parents of my third-grade classmates when I brought in a human placenta for show and tell and delivered some unwanted birds-and-bees education in the process. While medicine has always felt like home to me, as a pathologist, the CAP has become my home as well. This organization has given me a sense of belonging and tremendous opportunity. The first CAP committee I served on was the Cytopathology Resource Committee. I had the privilege of attending the historic Bethesda meeting where we determined how Pap tests would be reported going forward. That system is still in place today.



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## [Clinical pathology selected abstracts](#)

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October 2021—Pathologists are well suited to educate patients and their caregivers about laboratory results so these individuals can better understand diseases and make informed treatment decisions. Pathologists from four institutions involved in this study participated in programs focused on patient and family-centered care.

## [Anatomic pathology selected abstracts](#)

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October 2021—Squamous cell carcinoma is the most common malignancy of the anal canal and is strongly associated with human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. Characteristic genomic alterations have been identified in anal squamous cell carcinoma (SqCC), but their clinical significance and correlation with HPV status, pathologic features, and immunohistochemical markers are not well established.

## [Molecular pathology selected abstracts](#)

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October 2021—Transthyretin amyloidosis, also known as ATTR amyloidosis, occurs secondary to accumulation of misfolded transthyretin (TTR) protein in the form of amyloid fibrils. The acquired form of ATTR amyloidosis is referred to as wild-type ATTR amyloidosis.

## Q&A column

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### **October 2021**

**Q.** After naloxone is administered, are opiates still detectable in the body? If so, for how long and in what quantities? [Read answer.](#)

**Q.** Why do proficiency testing specimen results for common immunoassay analytes sometimes vary greatly with different instrument manufacturers and their reagents? Does that mean the patient's results for the same specimen could vary greatly based on the instrument used? If so, is this acceptable? Wouldn't the variation in results confuse the clinician and patient? [Read answer.](#)



## Newsbytes

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October 2021—Given Penn Medicine's reputation for high operational standards, it's not surprising that the developers of its new Center for Applied Health Informatics set lofty goals for the center: coordinate the efforts of multiple internal technology-related groups to further improve systems institutionwide and position the health system as a global leader in health informatics.



## **Put It on the Board**

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October 2021—The Food and Drug Administration granted 510(k) clearance for use of the MeMed BV test on the point-of-need platform MeMed Key to help providers distinguish between bacterial and viral infections. The technology has been cleared for children and adults.



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## **Beckman launches DxU Iris Workcell urinalysis solution**

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Oct. 15, 2021—Beckman Coulter launched at this year's AACC Annual Scientific Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo its DxU Iris Workcell, a fully automated system designed for high-volume laboratories that streamlines urinalysis workflow and reduces manual reviews to four percent.



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