

# [Ifinatamab deruxtecan gets breakthrough therapy designation](#)

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Aug. 25, 2025—Ifinatamab deruxtecan (I-DXd) has been granted breakthrough therapy designation by the FDA for the treatment of adult patients with extensive-stage small cell lung cancer with disease progression on or after platinum-based chemotherapy.



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# [Big interest, gaps in early pancancer testing](#)

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August 2025—There's the cart before the horse. There are certain equines that should not be flogged; others should not be backed. There's closing the stable door at an unfortunate time.



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# [The fine points of NIFTP interpretation](#)

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August 2025—The noninvasive follicular thyroid neoplasm with papillary-like nuclear features, or NIFTP, is an entity that was introduced nearly a decade ago. It's a lesion no longer considered malignant and instead grouped with more indolent lesions, owing to its observed indolent clinical behavior.



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## [Study reveals extrachromosomal DNA's impact](#)

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August 2025—Detection of extrachromosomal DNA in a tumor was found in a study published late last year to be associated with tumor stage, more prevalent after targeted and cytotoxic therapy, and associated with metastases and shorter overall survival.



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## [Capillary and venous blood equivalence studied for routine tests](#)

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August 2025—For routine diagnostic testing, capillary blood is a reliable alternative to venous blood, say the authors of a study published in May. The study was led by Babson Diagnostics, of Austin, Tex., an independent startup spun out of Siemens Healthineers. Babson says it's the first to validate capillary

blood as a viable option for routine testing.



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## [D-dimer reporting, INR among the variables that matter](#)

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August 2025—Anticoagulant interference, INR calculation, and D-dimer reporting are among the coagulation testing analytical and postanalytical variables that merit caution. Andrew Goodwin, MD, and Eric Salazar, MD, PhD, in a CAP24 session dug into why and what the requirements are, including for viscoelastic testing.



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## [The man to match the times](#)

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August 2025—The Dark Intelligence Group, led by its founder and CEO Robert Michel, announced in March it had sold its information services assets to LabX Media Group of Midland, Ontario, Canada, led by CEO Bob Kafato. Among these assets are *The Dark Report*, DarkDaily ebriefings, and events such as the annual Executive War College. Thus it is that Michel begins his exit from the laboratory field and his path to retirement. CAP TODAY publisher Bob McGonnagle and editor Sherrie Rice spoke with Michel

in May about the sale and his decades at the helm of an intelligence service that many in clinical and anatomic pathology labs and in industry turned to for the news and the experiences of early adopters. Here's what he told us.



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## [Labs talk budgets, AI, and care gaps and delays](#)

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August 2025—With cuts to government programs underway or on the way, how are laboratory budgets affected? CAP TODAY publisher Bob McGonnagle asked members of the Compass Group what the impact has been as of July 1, when the group met online. Also up: how one lab is gearing up to close two patient care gaps and using a Costco approach to do so.



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## [A blood management road map in WHO's latest guidance](#)

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August 2025—The World Health Organization released new guidance this spring to provide aid in

implementing patient blood management programs and toolkits to support blood health and patient safety at various resource levels. “It’s the job of the clinician to make the right decisions about blood use at the right time. Patient blood management programs help them do that,” says Sherri Ozawa, MSN, RN, a coauthor of the WHO guidance. “What documents like this and others do is help make the bridge between what laboratory professionals already know and changing clinical practice.” Ozawa is director of patient blood management operations for hc1 of Indianapolis, Ind., a company that optimizes laboratory data to improve clinical practice, enabling better patient care, streamlining operations, and reducing costs.



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## [The quest to detect hemolysis in POC blood gas testing](#)

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August 2025—Werfen launched in July 2024 its Gem Premier 7000 with iQM3 blood gas testing system. One year in, CAP TODAY publisher Bob McGonnagle spoke with Werfen’s Kristina Powell, Ken Huffenus, and Sofia Afonso for the latest on that and about what Werfen showcased at the ADLM meeting last month.



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