

[More clarity over time for heart failure biomarkers](#)

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June 2016—Robert Christenson, PhD, a professor of pathology and of medical and research technology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, likens the U.S. mortality rate for myocardial infarction to three or four jumbo jets crashing daily. For heart failure, it's about half that many deaths, "so maybe one and one-half jumbo jets," Dr. Christenson said in a session on cardiac biomarkers at the CAP annual meeting last year.



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[On a quest for the eureka moment in Zika virus testing](#)

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June 2016—The Zika virus testing challenges facing laboratories are many, including the virus' low and short-term viremia and its resemblance to other flaviviruses, especially dengue and chikungunya. "These viruses present extremely similarly, and it's very difficult to tell them apart based on clinical characteristics alone," said Benjamin Pinsky, MD, PhD, who presented the details of diagnostic tests for Zika in an Association for Molecular Pathology webinar in April.



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Hemostasis testing guide now out in new edition

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June 2016—The older we get, the faster time seems to pass. That’s why 2008 might not feel like all that long ago—until you consider that Obama had yet to take office, Donald Trump’s television appearances were limited largely to The Apprentice, and there was no “like” button on Facebook.



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Antiphospholipid Antibodies

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June 2016—CAP Press has released the second edition of its 2008 book, An Algorithmic Approach to Hemostasis Testing, edited by Kandice Kottke-Marchant, MD, PhD. She is chair of the Robert J. Tomsich Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Institute and section head of hemostasis and thrombosis, Cleveland Clinic Foundation.



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SS18-SSX2 fusion transcript in the diagnosis of a poorly differentiated synovial sarcoma

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June 2016—CAP TODAY and the Association for Molecular Pathology have teamed up to bring molecular case reports to CAP TODAY readers. AMP members write the reports using clinical cases from their own practices that show molecular testing's important role in diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment. The following report comes from Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine. If you would like to submit a case report, please send an email to the AMP at amp@amp.org. For more information about the AMP and all previously published case reports, visit www.amp.org.



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June 2016—Fasting or nonfasting lipid measurements: The joint American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association “2013 ACC/AHA Guideline on the Treatment of Blood Cholesterol to Reduce Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Risk in Adults” replaces low-density lipoprotein cholesterol treatment thresholds with a more global measurement of risk.



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June 2016—Neuroendocrine differentiation in breast carcinoma; Comparison of bilateral versus unilateral multifocal papillary thyroid cancer



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[Q&A column, 6/16](#)

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