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## **ACHC Welcomes LabUniversity to Its Portfolio of Educational Resources**

*ACHC continues mission to expand its services to customers after HFAP merger*

**CARY, N.C. (June 8, 2022)** – Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC) announced at the Symposium for Clinical Laboratories in San Antonio last week that it is now the parent organization of LabUniversity (LabU), a provider of continuing education for physicians and laboratory staff. This affiliation is another example of how ACHC continues to expand its services and create opportunities for new and existing customers following the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP) merger in 2020.

LabU’s annual Symposium has long been prominent in providing high-quality learning and networking opportunities for laboratory leaders. In addition, LabU offers on-demand courses to promote the development of laboratory personnel at all levels. All courses include examples from current laboratory practice and are created by experts in laboratory medicine and specific laboratory disciplines. Other LabU resources include tools to support specific aspects of regulatory compliance such as implementation of Individualized Quality Control Plans tailored to the equipment, personnel, and unique testing conditions of individual clinical laboratories.

LabU Chief Executive Officer James Liggins has transitioned to program director for ACHC Laboratory Accreditation where he will continue to support excellence in laboratory practice through ACHC’s collaborative approach to evaluating labs for compliance with federal regulations for quality and safety.

“ACHC is pleased to acquire LabU’s valuable suite of programs to support laboratories seeking to improve the skills and knowledge of their personnel to enhance reliability and consistency in the testing that is critical to all aspects of healthcare,” said José Domingos, President & CEO of ACHC, a leader in healthcare accreditation with more than 35 years of experience promoting safe, quality patient care. “LabU programs are a complementary expansion of ACHC programs, becoming a key part of our organization’s educational division, ACHCU.”

While ACHC’s focus is on surveying organizations seeking a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate of Accreditation, the education and resources provided by LabU are applicable to any laboratory seeking to improve quality and safety and to develop its staff. The educational offerings are available and applicable, regardless of the accreditor a laboratory uses.

ACHC began offering accreditation surveys to clinical laboratories following its merger with HFAP which also added hospital and ambulatory surgery center programs to the existing ACHC portfolio. This transition provided an enhanced accreditation experience to a larger scope of healthcare organizations, showing evidence that future additions, such as LabU, would be undertaken with an eye to adding value for customers.

“ACHC is dedicated to delivering the best possible experience, and to achieve this, we have always sought out partnerships that can help expand the resources available for healthcare organizations seeking a more customer-focused accreditation experience,” said Domingos. “With the strategic addition of LabU, we further demonstrate our ability to be a viable solution for the accreditation needs of healthcare organizations across the continuum of care.”

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#### **About LabU**

LabUniversity is an educational platform focused on the educational needs of the clinical laboratory.. LabU has expanded its successful distance learning program by offering a single educational and consultative resource for all clinical laboratory professionals – designed to take quality patient care to the next level. LabU’s educational platform offers both C.M.E, and P.A.C.E.® credits.

#### **About ACHC**

Accreditation leader ACHC is a nonprofit with 35 years of experience promoting safe, quality patient care. ACHC develops solutions trusted by healthcare providers nationwide and is committed to offering exceptional, personalized service, and a customized, collaborative accreditation experience tailored to individual needs. ACHC focuses on giving providers a positive, educational experience that continually enhances quality of care and business efficiencies.

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