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New API Technology Advances Laboratory Accuracy

Traverse City, MI – Using their laboratory information system (LIS) or middleware, laboratories may now transmit their proficiency testing results directly to the American Proficiency Institute (API), a process that revolutionizes external quality control measures for clinical laboratories.

“No more paper forms, no more data entry, no new technology systems to purchase, and no additional fees,” explained Daniel C. Edson, API President. “Proficiency testing becomes truly accurate, immediate, and paperless.”

This new transmission process, called API DataDirect™, allows a laboratory to send their PT results quickly and efficiently to API. A pilot program with several leading LIS vendors and select customers has proven highly successful. API DataDirect™ is currently being deployed to a limited number of labs and there will be a staged release to other interested laboratories over the next 12-18 months.

“Ultimately, this new process will improve laboratory quality by eliminating clerical errors and will make the PT process much like patient testing,” explained Edson. “It will save larger laboratories significant time and money too.”

Additional information will be available over the next several months as this new program is expanded.

The American Proficiency Institute is one of the largest proficiency testing providers in the world serving nearly 18,000 laboratories. API offers innovative solutions and technical excellence for the proficiency testing needs of hospital laboratories, physician offices, clinics, and point-of-care testing sites.