

## ***Iowa Association of Pathologists (IAP)***

**NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Iowa Association of Pathologists welcomes new president**

Christopher Johnson, MD of Ames is the new president of the Iowa Association of Pathologists. Dr. Johnson earned his undergraduate degree from Iowa State University and attended medical school at the University of Iowa. He did a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology and a fellowship in cytopathology, both at the University of Iowa. He practices at McFarland Clinic in Ames.

Dr. Johnson believes health care reform is the biggest challenge facing Iowa pathologists. "Pathologists need to establish themselves as an integral part of the emerging health care system," he comments. "It will be important to have a seat at the table when key issues are being discussed."

Dr. Johnson says membership in IAP is important because "many decisions will be made at the state and local level" and IAP provides a united voice for Iowa pathologists.

At its last meeting, the IAP Board of Directors formally commended Renee Ellerbroek, MD for her excellent work as IAP president during the past two years.

### **Mark your calendars**

Mark your calendars now for the Iowa Association of Pathologists Annual Dinner Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the Glen Oaks Country Club in West Des Moines. The dinner will include a speaker. Last year's event was very well-attended, and the IAP Board hopes this year's event will draw even more Iowa pathologists. This is a great opportunity to meet with your Iowa colleagues.

The IAP Annual Dinner is open to any Iowa pathologist. You will receive additional details as they develop.

### **IAP welcomes new UI members**

Twenty physicians who practice at the University of Iowa are the newest members of the Iowa Association of Pathologists.

"We are very pleased to welcome our University of Iowa colleagues to the Iowa Association of Pathologists," says Dr. Johnson. "The support of these physicians will strengthen our ability to promote the practice of pathology at the state level."

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