



**Please welcome
Kathleen C. Leibenguth,
Senior Director of
Lab Operations**

Kathleen is responsible for the administration of the United States laboratory departments, including oversight of personnel, financial performance, vendor relationships, quality and regulatory compliance. Kathleen is also responsible for managing the operational support functions for the Medical Diagnostic business, including Logistics, Patient and Homebound Services, Client Services, Problem Resolution and Specimen Processing.

Kathleen comes to ACM with a wealth of experience in clinical laboratory and health care administration. She was the Senior Director for the Pathology and Laboratory Departments of Rochester General Health System. most recently, she was a Senior Administrator at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York.

ICD10 Update

ICD10 delay until October 1, 2015 allows more time for your practice to prepare and be compliant. Please see the ACM website for helpful links to ICD10 planning and training!

Visit our enhanced online reference manual at www.acmlab.com/referencemanual.

ACM Offers NAAT Testing for Detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

Dr. Suzanne Dale, Director, Microbiology and Molecular Diagnostics

ACM Medical Laboratory is pleased to announce that we have received conditional approval from the New York State Department of Health to offer Chlamydia trachomatis (CT) and Neisseria gonorrhoeae (NG) testing from rectal and oropharyngeal samples using the Hologic GenProbe APTIMA COMBO2 nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT). The Centers for Disease Control recently published "Recommendations for the Laboratory-Based Detection of Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae – 2014" which included the use of NAAT testing to detect these infections. Their recommendations were based on the overall improved sensitivity, specificity and ease of specimen transport of NAATs compared with traditional culture techniques. In addition, turnaround time for the NAAT is reduced by up to 72 hours compared to culture-based methods.

To support clients who wish to follow the CDC's recommendations for using NAATs to diagnose rectal and oropharyngeal CT and NG, ACM Medical Laboratory performed a rigorous in-house validation. Using the FDA-approved Hologic GenProbe Aptima Combo2 NAAT, we validated the performance of this assay with rectal and oropharyngeal swab specimens.

Providers should continue to order ACM Test code 6842 (CT and NG, amplified) with these new sources.

For Technical information, please refer to the Technical Bulletin available at www.acmlab.com/ or by calling your ACM Field Service Specialist. For specific questions, please contact Dr. Suzanne Dale at (585) 429-2360.

ACM Expands Global Footprint with Expansion in Asia-Pacific

Mark Engelhart, Chief Commercial Officer

ACM Medical Laboratory announced earlier this year, that its central laboratory business unit, ACM Global Central Laboratory, has acquired Phoenix Pharma Central Services Pte. Ltd (Phoenix PCS), a premier central laboratory services provider for Asia Pacific clinical trials, with laboratory facilities in Singapore and Shanghai, China. The acquisition enables ACM Global to deliver increased operational and financial efficiencies to clients conducting clinical studies in the Asia-Pacific region. Working with partner labs in India, Australia and China, ACM Global has successfully provided central laboratory services in Asia Pacific for more than 15 years. By acquiring Phoenix PCS, ACM Global gains an established, fully-operational lab in the heart of Singapore that offers its clients a local team with extensive clinical trials experience and knowledge of regional regulatory requirements, country specific logistics, and familiarity with customs and local languages. Additionally, ACM Global will acquire Phoenix PCS' brand new laboratory facility in Shanghai, China. With two laboratory locations in Asia Pacific, ACM Global is able to provide local support of clinical trials throughout the region with increased speed and efficiency. Established in 2001, Phoenix PCS is a highly respected central laboratory in Asia offering services for Phase I to Phase IV clinical trials.