



## Ontario Association of Pathologists

### Path2 Quality November 27 Stakeholder Symposium on Quality Manager

Dear Member,

December 21, 2009

Path2Quality is a collaborative initiative formed between the OMA Section on Laboratory Medicine and the Ontario Association of Pathologists that represents, and advocates, for Ontario's laboratory physicians. On November 27, 2009, Path2Quality, in conjunction with the Health Policy Department of the OMA, hosted a Symposium of key stakeholders involved or interested in quality assurance as it applies to the professional work of Ontario's laboratory physicians.

This Symposium marked an important day – the OMA Lab Med Section and the OAP brought together the various organizations, in an attempt to help clarify for front-line practitioners their responsibilities to these organizations. The Symposium also served as an opportunity for Path2Quality to advocate on your behalf – particularly, promoting the interest we have heard from members in the development of practice guidelines of various kinds; and, advocating for improved resources in order to subscribe to such guidelines, and to adequately manage current workloads.

With the exception of the OHA, virtually all invited organizations seized the opportunity to participate in this sentinel event. Key participating organizations included: the RCPSC; CAP (Cdn); CMPA; CPSO; CCO; OFPS; QMP-LS/ IQMH; OAML; and OMA. Additionally, all five University Chairs were represented.

The day was successful from many perspectives, with all participating organizations committed to working with Path2Quality on this important issue. In the new year, your Section Executive will share with you the proceedings from this Symposium and the next steps proposed for follow-up to it.

We remain committed to meeting your professional needs in 2010.

In the meantime, we wish you all the best of this holiday season.

Sincerely,

### Your Association Executive

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