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**LABORATORY ALLIANCE OF CNY RECOGNIZES  
NATIONAL MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK**

April 20-26 is National Medical Laboratory Professionals (NMLP) Week. Celebrated during the fourth week in April each year, NMLP Week provides the industry with an opportunity to increase public understanding of and appreciation for clinical laboratory personnel.

Laboratory Alliance of CNY employs nearly 425 laboratory professionals and support staff locally. In addition to raising awareness of the industry, the company will recognize employee contributions with internal celebrations throughout the week.

Laboratory Alliance performed more than eight million tests in 2007. The laboratory tests results constitute an estimated 70 percent of the patient's medical records and are vital to the diagnosis and treatment of illness and disease. More than 297,000 medical laboratory personnel are employed in the United States.

"With the aging American population, Laboratory Alliance is seeing a greater demand for more tests overall," said Anne Marie Mullin, vice president, business development and marketing, adding, "In addition, expanding medical technology has resulted in a greater menu of testing capabilities. Laboratory professionals are in great demand and we're proud to recognize the individuals who represent our company and our industry."

Laboratory Alliance is also seeing that new and different pathogens are contributing to increased needs for laboratory testing. The identification of new diseases like AIDS, Lyme disease, and hepatitis C — and the resurgence of old foes like tuberculosis — pose serious threats to the public health. In addition, unprecedented increases in international travel and immigration are resulting in the importation of rare or previously unknown diseases, especially parasitic infections and inherited disorders, which increases the need for laboratory testing.

National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is coordinated by a collaborative committee with representatives from 10 national clinical laboratory organizations. Laboratory Alliance is a member of most of the organizations, which include the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, the American Society for Clinical Pathology and the Clinical Laboratory Management Association.

Laboratory Alliance is jointly owned by St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center, Crouse Hospital and Community General Hospital. The company serves the three hospitals and non-hospital clients including long term care facilities and the majority of physician offices in Central and Upstate New York. It also serves as a reference laboratory for regional hospitals. The company's main laboratory is located in Electronics Business Park in Liverpool, NY.

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