

PathGroup

Working as one, two companies offer one-stop diagnostic services

PathGroup is a medical laboratory diagnostics company that provides a full range of clinical laboratory diagnostic services, as well as anatomic pathology services through its affiliate, Associated Pathologists. The two organizations work together to provide a full range of medical diagnostic services to thousands of physician practice groups across six states within the Southeast.

PathGroup Labs (PGL), located in Nashville, Tennessee, has been working with the world's leading diagnostics company, Roche Diagnostics. Together, Roche and PGL will develop a Molecular Center of Excellence to deliver the latest advances in medical diagnostics to physicians and patients. PGL has partnered with Roche Diagnostics to form a strategic relationship to leverage each other's capabilities, competencies, and resources to achieve mutual success.

PGL will serve as the local source for sophisticated molecular diagnostics testing. PGL excitedly anticipates the positive impact this partnership will have on patient care. PGL utilizes patented Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and other progressive genomic technologies that lead to earlier and more accurate detection of hard-to-find pathogens and diseases. The PCR technology provides a highly sensitive DNA methodology for more rapid detection of lower concentrations of target organisms with very high specificity in an expanding menu, including, but not limited to, HIV, hepatitis, Chlamydia, gonorrhea, and human papillomavirus, which is associated with women's cervical cancer.

Roche Diagnostics recognizes the growing needs for PGL to deliver advanced molecular testing. This is an emerging market, so Roche's support in technology and services is instrumental in order to help PGL bring this exciting testing to the healthcare community. The communities PGL serves will benefit from the high-level of combined experience that the collaboration delivers. Roche Diagnostics selected PGL due to their technical aptitude, business acumen and resources, as well as our similar visions of using molecular methods for patient care. Dr. Safedin Beqaj is responsible for

the overall operation and administration of the Molecular Diagnostics and Research Lab.

Podia™ has been developed to provide the most advanced diagnostic services to podiatrists and clinicians providing care to the lower extremities. Laboratory services include the highest quality evaluation of nail and skin specimens, accurate reporting with image

physician. The ThinPrep Pap test with Imager improves diagnostic capability and creates greater accuracy. The MyResults automated messaging service allows patients to check their Pap smear results at their convenience.

Patients receive reminder cards to let them know it is time for their yearly exam and Pap smear test. Associated Pathologists also offers twenty-four hour turn-around time on biopsies. Associated Pathologists' patient education provides information regarding Pap smears that fosters physician-patient communication, and encourages treatment compliance. Accurate and definitive diagnoses and second opinions performed within the group reduce further diagnostic testing, provide economies of scale, and enable Associated Pathologists to offer competitive rates.

Associated Pathologists and PathGroup Labs are pleased to announce that they have recently released their web-based report retrieval and test ordering system named PathConnect. PathConnect provides a physician's practice with a secure, easy-to-use website for ordering tests, as well as reviewing and printing lab results from the office

location or off-site. PathConnect allows a physician's practice to receive results more quickly, and gives you the ability to retrieve patient's results wherever there is internet access. Associated Pathologists and PathGroup Labs employ advanced technology in data transmission and encryption to provide a secure, HIPAA-compliant resource where physicians or staff can call up the patients' test results while ensuring patient data is protected from unauthorized access.

PathGroup's experienced management team of healthcare professionals has been together since 1998. The experience of the management team, sound financial status and solid organizational structure give PathGroup the ability to ensure its clients that it is a business that not only has been around for a while, but also will continue to be here in the future as a regional leader in clinical medical and diagnostic services.

For more information, call 615-221-4455 or join us online at www.pathgroup.com



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reports, and personalized pathologist-to-podiatrist consultation. Reliable, accurate, diagnostic reporting, fast turn-around times, and prompt courteous service are a reflection of our commitment to patient care.

Dr. Robert Alberhasky is a board certified Anatomic and Clinical Pathologist with twenty years of experience in podiatric pathology. Dr. Alberhasky is a noted author in podiatric literature and lecturer in the podiatric community. Podia™ represents Dr. Alberhasky's desire to create a new team approach to serving patients nationwide, combining expertise in podiatric pathology, dermatopathology and medical imaging. This organization is dedicated to providing podiatrists with state-of-the-art diagnostic services including image reports and internet access to the diagnosis.

Associated Pathologists offers the ThinPrep Pap Test, HPV, GC, Chlamydia, and Herpes from one collection source, meaning that it is less invasive for the patient and more convenient for the