Our Laboratory Experts

Welcome!

We at Spectrum Health Reference Laboratory and Advanced Technology Laboratories appreciate the opportunity to work with you by providing a full range of routine and specialized services at our advanced facilities. Our Laboratory consists of a highly skilled team of Board-Certified Pathologists who provide excellent, professional, patient-centered, and multi-specialty services, along with Clinical Laboratory Scientists who provide expertise in virtually every area of the clinical laboratory, using state-of-the-art instruments and methodologies. Our Phlebotomists and Lab Service Representatives are dedicated to the patient and to delivering an all-around exceptional experience to all laboratory customers.

This directory offers you access to Spectrum Health Laboratory experts in the specialty matching your needs. You can connect with one of our lab experts by calling our call center at 616.774.7721 or emailing laboratoryservices@spectrumhealth.org. Our services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We can assist you with test selection, interpretation and follow-up testing, which can reduce unnecessary tests and lower health care costs.

We look forward to being a vital partner with you in caring for the needs of your patients.

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Surgical Pathology

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Special Interests: Hematopathology

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Surgical Pathology; Gynecologic Pathology

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Special Interest: Dermatopathology

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Surgical Pathology; Hematopathology; Flow Cytometry

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Residency: Mount Sinai School of Medicine  
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Board Certification: Anatomic and Clinical Pathology; Hematopathology  
Special Interest: Hematopathology, Gynecologic Pathology

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Surgical Pathology

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Board Certification: Anatomic and Clinical Pathology

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Special Interests: Breast pathology; Hematopathology
Pathologists

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Special Interest: Breast pathology

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Surgical Pathology, Neuropathology

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PhD Scientists

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