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## AmeriPath Gastrointestinal Diagnostics

*Providing a Unique Approach to GI Pathology*

**A**meriPath, Inc. is truly a unique powerhouse in American pathology. With over 425 pathologists and doctoral-level scientists working at 46 independent laboratories and more than 235 hospitals across the country, no other organization has as many subspecialized pathologists on staff. As a physician-driven organization, we understand the needs of clinicians and the importance of providing specialists in their local communities. This is what differentiates AmeriPath from our competition. Our focus continues to be on the local placement of highly qualified GI pathologists—reinforced by the resources of a national company—to achieve and maintain a truly unparalleled record of excellence in support of the medical communities and the patients we serve.

Robert E. Petras, MD, Director of AmeriPath's Institute of Gastrointestinal Pathology and Digestive Disease, joined AmeriPath in 2001, thus marking the beginning of the creation of AmeriPath's dedicated GI services. Dr. Petras joined the Cleveland Clinic in 1978. While there, he served as Residency Program Director, Vice Chairman of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and Chairman of Anatomic Pathology. Dr. Petras has co-authored more than 200 publications related to GI pathology, including the 2003 edition of *Tumors of the Intestines*, published by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. At AmeriPath, he continues the active research program he began in the 1980s. During the 2006 DDW proceedings, Dr. Petras was honored as an American Gastroenterological Association

Fellow for his many contributions to the field of gastroenterology.

As Director of AmeriPath's GI services, Dr. Petras has provided guidance in the recruiting of GI experts and astute leadership in setting quality standards and recommended practices for AmeriPath's GI pathology services. Numerous AmeriPath facilities now have sizeable dedicated GI pathology teams, including our physician practices in Cleveland, Indianapolis, Orlando, Atlanta, Denver, Dallas, San Antonio, Lubbock, and New York City. In addition, numerous other AmeriPath facilities and hospital affiliations now offer quality GI pathology services.

AmeriPath's GI diagnostic capabilities continue to grow with the addition of highly regarded, fellowship-trained GI pathologists. Their reputations and expertise reinforce the strength and commitment of our medical staff and confirm AmeriPath's vision of providing quality GI pathology services to our referring physicians. Our already impressive roster of GI pathologists has grown even stronger with the addition of A. Brian West, MD, and Susan Kornacki, MD. Dr. West had previously been director of anatomic pathology and professor at New York University, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, and Yale University, while Dr. Kornacki received her fellowship training at The Johns Hopkins University under the direction of world-renowned pathologists Doctors John Yardley and Stanley Hamilton. Both Dr. West and Dr. Kornacki have strong reputations for their expertise in GI and liver

pathology. The newest addition to AmeriPath's GI diagnostics team, Edward Uhlemann, MD, AmeriPath Florida, a University of Cincinnati fellow brings a unique perspective to GI pathology as one of the only gastroenterologists turned GI pathologist in the United States.


Many of AmeriPath's existing physician practices have extensive GI expertise on staff. AmeriPath Indiana (Indianapolis) features David Powers, MD, Andrew Chester, MD, Zhengbin Lu, MD, and John Oscherwitz, MD, who provide comprehensive services to Indiana gastroenterologists as well as an extensive GI pathology program for employer groups. AmeriPath Dallas's GI staff expanded significantly this year with the addition of Stephen Jolissaint, MD, as Medical Director and Michael Robles, MD, as Director of GI Services. In addition, AmeriPath South Texas and AmeriPath Denver tout GI specialists William Hinchey, MD, and Janet Stephens, MD, respectively. Jerrold Clark, MD, recently moved from AmeriPath Macon to direct GI services at AmeriPath Atlanta. Michael Slattery, MD, Scott Sittler, MD, and Dr. Uhlemann recently attended personalized GI training at AmeriPath's GI Institute under the direct supervision of Dr.

Petras and Terry Gramlich, MD, Director of Hepatopathology. Dr. Slattery was kind enough to offer the following relevant feedback on the training he received at the AmeriPath GI Institute: "It was the best training experience I've had since my residency. Bob Petras would go over the lectures that he has given worldwide-just for me-for over an hour each morning. This was followed by several hours on the scope reviewing difficult cases with Doctors Petras and Gramlich. We are most fortunate to have Dr. Petras and his colleagues available all of the time."

The same advantage of ready access to a second opinion from Dr. Petras and other top-grade GI pathologists is available to all gastroenterologists who submit their cases to AmeriPath. AmeriPath's GI specialists ensure the highest level of diagnostic quality and, in doing so, provide more decisive, more detailed information. This, in turn, heightens referring physicians' confidences and their ability to more effectively manage patient care to achieve improved outcomes.

### **The AmeriPath Advantage:**

Through integrating advanced diagnostics, our resources can provide more decisive, more

detailed information to the referring clinician, thus allowing effective patient treatment to begin sooner, thus improving patient satisfaction and treatment management. Advanced diagnostic technology, coupled with the knowledge, experience, and expertise of our GI pathologists, form a powerful combination that enables us to provide the industry's highest quality pathology services to physicians, hospitals, managed-care organizations, clinical laboratories, and outpatient surgery centers. Our physician-based approach to pathology allows us to capitalize on all the advantages of practicing locally; i.e., trusting relationships with our clinician partners, accessibility, specimen transportation networks, extensive managed care affiliation, and superior turnaround time. We combine these with the benefits of our national-level resources to provide you with the best possible combination of accessibility, expertise, service, and quality. 

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