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TechPath[®] GI from CBLPath, Inc.

Gastrointestinal Pathology at the Point of Care[™]

TechPath[®] GI from CBLPath, Inc. (Rye Brook, NY), is a comprehensive TC/PC (Technical Component/Professional Component) program that enables gastroenterologists to have pathology cases conveniently read by a contracted pathologist working within their medical practice. The CBLPath TC/PC model offers a separation of the technical and professional components of gastrointestinal pathology, wherein CBLPath bills for the Technical Component and the GI practice bills for the Professional Component. With more than 20 years as a leader in the field of sub-specialized anatomic pathology, CBLPath's TechPath program represents the most detailed and extensive TC/PC offering available to GI practices.

Peter E. Legnani, MD, a gastroenterologist and clinical instructor at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine (New York, NY), likes the clinical team approach of TechPath. "The simple logistics and convenience of being able to interact with the pathologist right in our office is a major advantage, which I think clearly improves the quality of care for our patients. I can walk down the hall and sit next to our pathologist and ask any questions I may have about a specimen or a report. I can probe for different details and may get additional clinical information." Dr. Legnani also notes that this has been an educational experience for him. "There is nothing that can replace

sitting in front of the microscope and actually looking at the slide. It reminds me of being a Fellow again."

Dr. Legnani also points out that since they began using the TC/PC model, the shorter turnaround time for reports has been a positive addition to their practice. CBLPath collects specimens at Dr. Legnani's office and they are taken to a state-of-the-art facility, where sub-specialized histotechnologists process the specimens, prepare the slides, and return them to Dr. Legnani's office within 24 to 48 hours. CBLPath provides the specimen collection containers and customized packing, and there is no cost for pickup or slide return services. "This has really streamlined our patient care. Our pathologist is in the office two to three days a week and is able to return most of our reports within a week. Turnaround time used to take seven to ten days." Dr. Legnani explains how this more expedient process recently had a direct impact on a patient's care. "I removed some polyps that were of concern to me. Just three days following the procedure, I was able to look at the slides with our pathologist. This allowed me to discuss the case with a surgeon prior to the patient's planned surgery, which was scheduled for the following week. I could not have done this without TechPath and our in-house pathologist."

TechPath CaseManager[®] is CBLPath's innovative, sub-specialized pathology

application that provides physicians with easy access to the latest in case management, reporting and archival technology. Fully integrated with CBLPath's proprietary Total Pathology Solution (TPS), CaseManager gives physicians the most advanced LIS capabilities available. CaseManager is a simple, yet powerful browser-based user interface. Its innovative features include 24/7 access to cases, up-to-the-minute tracking of cases during laboratory processing, and full support for coded or free-text diagnoses. The advanced diagnostic reporting

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capabilities include logo integration, microscopic image upload, color-coded diagnoses, and body site mapping. Fully automatic report delivery is available via automatic fax, remote printer, EMR interface or the internet. CaseManager is HIPAA compliant and provides the highest level of security to maintain patient privacy.

Benita P. Ponda, MD, a pathologist with Nassau Gastroenterology Associates (Great Neck, NY) and Drs. Tarasuk & Farrell Urological Associates (Flushing, NY), appreciates the other side of the relationship—as the in-office pathologist. “Communication works both ways. I can easily speak with a physician if there are questions regarding endoscopic findings, and the physician can also directly voice concerns to me about a patient’s results.” Dr. Ponda also likes that she can customize her reports with CaseManager. “Overall, I like that I can edit the reports and add in comments if I need to. The system is well organized. It is easy to order custom-tailored special stains and the extensive built-in library of diagnostic codes is very convenient.”

Bringing TechPath into a GI’s office is a simple and inexpensive process. There is no specialized computer software or hardware to purchase and there are no costs associated with building, licensing and operating a full laboratory.

Dr. Legnani concurs. “We wanted to have a GI pathologist who we could sit down with and talk to in our office. We had the office space and the only other needs were a computer, a phone line and a microscope.”

Dr. Legnani has been impressed with the continued high level of attention and responsiveness from the company. “I still receive weekly calls from our local rep. We had a feeling there was strong support behind this program and that has certainly borne out. All of our questions and concerns have always been taken very, very seriously. CBLPath has an excellent business model and we have been quite happy with it.”

CBLPath also offers global sub-specialized gastrointestinal pathology services on cases that in-office contracted pathologists do not read. Second opinion consultations with CBLPath’s team of board-certified and fellowship trained gastrointestinal pathologists are also available to customers at no cost. ◆

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