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## DERMATOPATHOLOGY LABORATORY OF CENTRAL STATES (DLCS)

*Dedication to Patient Care in Today's World*

**F**ounded in 1984 by Thomas G. Olsen, MD, the **Dermatopathology Laboratory of Central States (DLCS)** (Dayton, OH), is an independent, physician-owned dermatopathology laboratory whose goal is to provide physicians quality care through accurate and timely diagnoses of skin biopsies. All slides are interpreted by board-certified dermatopathologists for accurate correlation of histologic and clinical findings. DLCS facilitates a rapid, 24-hour turnaround of pathology slides and reports, seven days a week. Pathology reports are sent by fax and hard copy, with STAT reporting for melanoma and T-cell malignancies. DLCS also offers an internet reporting option that gives physicians the ability to access their pathology reports via the DLCS Web site through a secured service.

DLCS physicians and staff provide a full range of diagnostic dermatopathology services designed to complement any clinical or surgical setting. Sharing sign-out responsibility with Dr. Olsen are staff physicians H. Nicholas Shamma, MD, and John C. Moad, MD. The availability of expert dermatopathology interpretations benefit both the clinician and patient. The dermatopathologists at DLCS are always available to discuss individual cases with clinicians. Additionally, their clinical and dermatopathology expertise is routinely called upon to render qualified second opinions on more difficult and challenging cases.

The laboratory is dedicated to education. All three dermatopathologists are on staff at Wright State University School of Medicine. They provide a comprehensive, hands-on teaching program for dermatology residents. In addition, DLCS offers a slide study-set program to all residents in dermatology, nationwide.

What could be more convenient than Web access to reports and patient history through a secure and user-friendly internet interface? This sophisticated system, which follows the industry standards for encryption of patient data, allows physicians 24-hour access to their reports at a secure internet site. These reports can be viewed and then downloaded directly into a patient's record (EMR) or printed in the office. The Web access enables a physician to check the status of pending biopsies. An interactive demonstration of this online reporting service can be reviewed on the DLCS Web site.

Phillip Hall, MD, Mohs and dermatologic surgeon (Dayton, OH), says that "DLCS gives me great confidence that

specimens will be received and treated properly. It is my understanding that to date DLCS has done over two million skin biopsies, so they have an unbelievable amount of experience and proficiency in what they do. Their staff is outstanding and very well trained. Occasionally I will have a question regarding one of their readings, and it is so gratifying to know that someone is always available to chat with me about a case. I have known the people at DLCS for years, and I trust every single reading that comes from them—at the highest level."

DLCS can prepare special stains as needed to support H&E findings and duplicate slides are available upon request for educational purposes. A full range of monoclonal antibodies are performed in-house when appropriate to aid in the immunohistochemical evaluation of undifferentiated neoplasms. Immunophenotyping, flow cytometry, and gene rearrangement studies are also available. Direct and indirect immunofluorescent specimens are delivered daily to Mayo Medical Laboratories, Immunodermatology Department, for expert technical preparation and professional interpretation.

In 2005, DLCS is committed to providing optimal service to physicians and patients—by combining 21<sup>st</sup> century technology with old-fashioned values and exceptional service.



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