



Dermatopathology Services

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Providing pathology services to Central Texas with service, quality and integrity since 1948.



The pathologists of Oculus Pathology are committed to delivering the highest quality health care possible with honesty, integrity and humility. Several years ago, we codified our beliefs by establishing a mission statement and a set of core values.

Mission

Oculus Pathology is committed to enhancing patient care.

Values

Our patients are treated with our values in mind:

Service

Prompt delivery of excellent and comprehensive service to patients and the medical community through availability and dependability

Quality

Committed to superior quality through depth and breadth of expertise and continuous professional and technical improvement

Integrity

Uncompromising in our dedication to fairness and honesty with each other and those we serve.

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Committed to Enhancing Patient Care

Providing accurate and timely diagnoses is critical in caring for your patient. Not only is this essential to provide the correct treatment, but an accurate initial diagnosis can have a profound impact on the cost of health care.

Oculus Pathology is a well-known and established anatomic and clinical pathology group. With generations of experience and leadership in anatomic and clinical pathology services, Oculus Pathology provides the medical community with the service, quality, and integrity seen most often from an academic institution.

With an internal network of consultants, our Board-certified and subspecialty boarded physicians provide the highest quality of care to our patients and primary care physicians.



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About Us

Oculus Pathology is a large, private pathology practice that provides leading-edge anatomic pathology and laboratory medicine services from Texas to Florida. With corporate headquarters in Austin, Oculus Pathology serves hospitals, commercial laboratories, outpatient surgery centers, and private physician groups.

The mission and core values of the organization endorse a commitment to enhancing patient care that is manifest in the prompt delivery of comprehensive and high-quality pathology services through availability and dependability. Oculus Pathology is uncompromising in our dedication to fairness and honesty with each other and those that we serve. Our core values are essential to us, and they guide every Oculus Pathology Pathologist. Oculus Pathology's Code of Conduct reinforces our values. It emphasizes professional excellence and competence, superior service to our clients, adherence to the highest practice standards, sensible stewardship of our client's resources, and open and honest communication.

Oculus Pathology has a very unique and rare level of Dermatopathology specialization that provides significant and valuable benefits to our clients. Most importantly, Oculus Pathology has seven Dermatopathologists who can provide professional interpretation for cases. Oculus Pathology is comprised of 50 Pathologists who are Board Certified in Anatomic and/or Clinical Pathology. Oculus Pathology Pathologists' expertise is rooted in a broad range of subspecialty training, including fellowships in Cytopathology, Dermatopathology, Endocrine Pathology, Gastrointestinal and Liver Pathology, Gynecologic Pathology, Hematopathology, Microbiology, Molecular Pathology, Neuropathology, Oncologic Pathology, Renal Pathology, Transfusion Medicine, and Urologic Pathology.

Oculus Pathology corporate offices offer robust administrative support to client operations and customer service needs. Our organization's CEO, CFO, COO, and Practice Administrators are experienced clinicians, consultants, physician group practice administrators, and hospital leaders. They are active members of MGMA, HFMA, ACHE, and PMI, and they participate in ongoing education and training through these organizations.

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Oculus Pathology Dermatopathology and Laboratory Services

Oculus Pathology Laboratory has over 26 years of experience providing Dermatopathology Histology Services to Dermatology offices.

Since 2019, the Oculus Pathology Laboratory has been the exclusive provider of Dermatological histology, special staining, immunohistochemistry, and direct immunofluorescence slide staining for many Dermatologists.

The Scope of Services provided by the Oculus Pathology Laboratory include the following:

Standard histological processing, embedding, serial section microtomy, staining and labeling of Dermatology specimens with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) staining for Dermatopathology interpretation and diagnosis.

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Special stain processing as requested by the diagnosing Dermatopathologist. The Laboratory performs twenty (20) different special stains which include staining for a wide variety of microorganisms.

The Laboratory can perform over 100 different immunohistochemistry (IHC) stains in support of the diagnostic efficiency of our Dermatopathologists. This includes numerous IHC stains specific for diagnosing Dermatology specimens, including HMB-45; MART-1; MITF; S-100; SOX-10, and PRAME.

The Laboratory furnishes Michel's media and processes Dermatology specimens for Direct Immunofluorescence (DIF) staining. All Oculus Pathology Dermatopathologists are experienced in the interpretation of all five DIF stains.

Dermatology specimens submitted to the Laboratory are transported directly to the laboratory by Oculus Pathology employed or contracted couriers. All specimens transported to the Laboratory are verified by manifest for maximum accountability.

Oculus Pathology Dermatopathologists will provide interpretation of Dermatology specimens submitted to the Laboratory.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Dermatopathology



L. Brent Talbott, M.D. - Dermatopathologist
Director of Service - Dermatopathology

Dr. Talbott joined Oculus Pathology in 1995. He graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, and completed his combined Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Dr. Talbott was Assistant Clinical Professor of Pathology and Oncology, University of Kansas Medical School and assisted in the teaching of Dermatology residents from both the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri. Dr. Talbott is the directing partner for Dermatopathology and is active in training Dermatology residents at the Dell Seton Medical School, UT Austin for which he serves as Assistant Professor, Department of Diagnostic Medicine and also Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine/Dermatology. Dr. Talbott also served as the past president of Oculus Pathology of Austin, Texas, as Laboratory Director for Seton Medical Center of Austin, and President of the medical staff of Baptist Medical Center in Kansas City. Dr. Talbott is board-certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, with subspecialty board certifications in both Dermatopathology and Cytopathology.

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Susan Baer, M.D. - Dermatopathologist

Dr. Susan Baer completed her undergraduate degree at Pennsylvania State University. She received her medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA and completed residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Hahnemann University Medical Center. She completed two fellowships, a surgical pathology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, and a dermatopathology fellowship at University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, under the direction of Drs. George Murphy and Wally Clark. She served as director of Dermatopathology and assistant professor of dermatology and pathology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas and director of the dermatopathology services for the Methodist Hospital, Texas Children's Hospital, Ben Taub Hospital, and the Veteran's Medical Center from 1993 to 1998 prior to joining Oculus Pathology. Dr. Baer is board certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and subspecialty certified in Dermatopathology and Cytopathology.

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Julia Choi, M.D. - Dermatopathologist

Dr. Julia Choi earned an Engineering degree from Duke University, Durham, NC, before attending Medical School at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Choi then completed an Internal Medicine Internship at Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA. After internship, Dr. Choi completed a two-year clinical research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health studying cutaneous lymphoma. Dr. Choi then completed a residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland, where she also served as Chief Resident. Following residency, Dr. Choi completed a Dermatopathology fellowship at ProPath/UT Southwestern in Dallas, Texas, followed by a fellowship in Hematopathology at Baylor Scott and White Hospital, Temple, Texas. Dr. Choi has been the recipient of numerous academic honors and awards. Dr. Choi is board certified in Anatomic/Clinical Pathology, Hematopathology and Dermatopathology. Cytopathology.

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Timothy Kolda, M.D. - Dermatopathologist

Dr. Timothy Kolda completed his undergraduate degree in Zoology from the University of Texas. He received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He continued his post graduate education at Baylor for residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and a fellowship in Dermatopathology. Dr. Kolda also completed a fellowship in surgical pathology at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Dr. Kolda is board certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology with subspecialty certification in Dermatopathology

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