

Dear Members of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists,

In continuing our partnering relationship with local medical communities, our physician-owned pathology group is pleased to support the ongoing expansion of our affiliated institution's pathology outreach programs. The goal of *HCT Pathology Services* is to provide the same level of quality services for all private practice patients as currently performed within the inpatient and outpatient facilities. As a medical group, HCT Pathology Services is a participating provider in all the major insurance plans including the HMO products (see enclosure for comprehensive listing).

HCT Pathology Services and the laboratory staff coordinate the entire process from the initial courier pick up of the tissue specimen from your office or ambulatory surgery center until your receipt of the pathology report. The specimens are processed in the laboratory at our affiliated hospitals with the interpretations performed by the same qualified pathologists who read the inpatient cases. Our pathologists are promptly accessible for clinicians to discuss a case or answer questions.

If you or your staff members wish to learn more or have questions about this convenient "one-stop" resource serviced by your local pathologists, please contact our administrative team:

Denise Pearson, Operations Manager cell (410) 270-7586 Marci Pyke, Administrator cell (443) 280-0923

HCT Pathology Services supplies your practice, ASC or facility with all the necessary requisition forms and specimen containers. Comprehensive pathology reports are available within 48 hours and are faxed directly to your preferred location or promptly available on the HCT secure web portal.

Thank you for this opportunity. We look forward to enhancing our support of the pathology needs for our physician colleagues and patient community.

Respectfully,

The Pathologists of HCT Pathology Services, LLC

# Who is HCT Pathology Services?

# **HCT Pathology Services' History**

Drs. Hicken, Cranley & Taylor, P.A. was founded in 1970 as a hospital-based anatomic and clinical pathology practice. In 2005, HCT Pathology Services was formalized and now represents the most academically diverse private practice pathology group in the state of Maryland, consisting of 22+ pathologists with regional coverage that includes 8 hospitals. With a diverse range of generalists and specialists, HCT combines the depth of expertise found in academic settings with the efficiency and personalized services of a private practice.

# **HCT Pathology Services' Unique Benefits**

# A Hospital-Based Private Dermatopathology Practice

We are based at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, and part of the largest multi-specialty private pathology group in Maryland with a total of 22+ pathologists covering 8 regional hospitals.

As the only hospital-based private dermatopathology group practice in the region, HCT meets the standards set by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) and Joint Commission Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), to comply with the national standards for healthcare quality and safety, going above and beyond state and CLIA laboratory licensing.

# **A Local Non-Commercial Physician Group Practice**

As a local physician-owned and operated private practice, we're pleased to offer:

- Personalized service by locally known dermatopathologist colleagues.
- Senior academic expertise, including two former AFIP attending staff and one clinical dermatology department chair with nationally recognized expertise in alopecia.
- Limited daily caseloads per pathologist, to enhance the thoroughness of reports, comprehensive microscopic descriptions, and appropriate communication with clinicians.
- Local teaching conferences for dermatology residents and research activities, supported by the local biopsy cases from our contributors.
- Academic support by our affiliated staff of 22 subspecialized surgical pathologists.

## **Comprehensive Managed Care Contracting**

As a medical group we are contracted with all the major managed care plans and HMOs, including participation with BlueChoice and all United, Aetna and CIGNA HMO products, providing the maximuim benefit of a "one-stop" approach for pathology support for the practice and staff, along with in-network claims processing for patients.



### Dermatopathology

We have rich experience and expertise in the recognition and diagnosis of benign and malignant tumors of the skin, inflammatory dermatoses, and other disease processes. All your cases are examined by our Board-Certified dermatopathologists, providing rapid turn-around time and internet report access.

# **General Surgical Pathology**

HCT assists your surgeons and clinicians through accurate and timely biopsy interpretations, the basis of many treatment decisions. With a diverse range of generalists and specialists, HCT offers the expertise of an academic setting combined with the efficiency and personalized service of a private practice.

Our team of twenty-one board certified pathologists has subspecialty training and expertise in Gastrointestinal, Urologic, Breast, Gynecologic, Soft Tissue, Orthopedic, Pulmonary, and Pediatric pathology.

### Cytopathology

HCT provides diagnosis of diseases through minimally invasive techniques (such as Fine Needle Aspiration) and smear preparations, using the most state-of-the-art technologies.

## Hematopathology

HCT works with your hematologist and oncologist to provide diagnoses of leukemias, lymphomas, and other diseases of the blood and lymph nodes. Newer techniques such as flow cytometry and molecular diagnostics provide for greater diagnostic accuracy and tailored therapies.



# HCT Pathology Services

# Dermatopathology & Surgical Pathology

HCT Pathology Services is a locally-based, physician-owned private practice, consisting of Board-Certified dermatopathologists and other subspecialties. We provide dermatopathology, hematopathology, and surgical pathology services to the Maryland, Virginia, and DC regions.

# Contact HCT Pathology Services Today

Discover the unique benefits we offer from insurance to personalized service.

Visit www.hctpath.com

### Dermatopathology Surgical Pathology Hematopathology Services

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Fax | 410.368.8996

#### **Business Office**

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# Comprehensive Insurance List.

Personalized Service.



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# HCT Pathology Services accepts ALL insurance providers. Additionally, HCT is a participating provider with the following insurance carriers:

Aetna Healthcare: ALL products, including HMOs

Amerigroup

Anthem

CareFirst Blue Shield: ALL products, including HMOs (BLUE CHOICE)

Champus (including Tricare)

CIGNA: ALL product, including HMOs

Coventry: ALL products including HMOs

First Health

**GEHA (Government Employees Hospital Association)** 

Great West / One-Health

Humana

Informed / Confer Health Solutions

John Hopkins Healthcare

Kaiser

Medicare

Maryland Medical Assistance

Maryland Physicians Care

Three Rivers Provider Network (TRPN)

Tricare (Champus)

United Healthcare (ALL products, including HMOs)

- AARP
- Alliance PPO
- AmeriChoice
- Golden Rule
- Mamsi
- MD-IPA
- OneNet (Alliance PPO)
- Optimum Choice



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#### **Our Pathologists**

- <u>Danisha L. Allen, MD</u> Cytopathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology
- Sara S. Brownschidle, MD Cytopathology
- Melissa K. Buick, MD Cytopathology
- Angela D. Darko, MD Cytopathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology
- Thomas J. Enelow, MD Dermatopathology
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- <u>Christopher T. Grove, MD</u> Gastrointestinal Pathology, Liver Pathology, Immunohistochemistry
- Fadi Habib, MD Surgical Pathology, Hematopathology
- Christian H. Hansen, MD Hematopathology, Breast Pathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology
- <u>V. Dixon King, Jr, MD</u> Breast & Gynecologic Pathology, Urologic Pathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology
- Dr. Bhavna K. Kumar AP/CP and Cytopathology
- **Diana W. Molavi, MD** Orthopedic Pathology, Clinical Chemistry
- Robert F. Moore, MD Dermatopathology
- Theresa L. Nicol, MD Cytopathology
- <u>I. Dean Nuckols, MD, PhD</u> Hematopathology
- Curtis W. Ollavos, MD Cytopathology
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- Ann E. Reed, MD Cytopathology, Hematopathology
- Srividya Sathiyamoorthy, MD Cytopathology
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- Sylvana Tuur-Saunders, MD Dermatopathology
- Long Yang, MD, PhD Hematopathology
- Weimin R. Zhu, MD, PhD Dermatopathology



#### **Guidelines for Referring Providers**

#### **REQUISITIONS**

Call 888-413-8860 to order HCT Pathology Services requisitions

#### **SUPPLIES**

- Call 888-413-8860 to order clinical supplies formalin bottles
- Request size containers needed
- Supplies will be delivered to your office by the courier

#### **COURIER**

- Call 888-413-8860 to request a specimen pick-up. Please provide the following:
  - o Is it a STAT/RUSH case?
  - O How many cases/specimens?
  - What time will specimen(s) be ready for courier to pick up?
  - Will the office be open when courier arrives, or will the specimen(s) be placed in the HCT lockbox outside office?
  - Any other special handling instructions?
- The courier will complete the HCT Courier log sheet. A staff member will be requested to sign the completed form. A copy will remain with the office staff or inside the lock box if picked up after normal office hours.

#### **REPORTS**

- Once the pathologist releases the case, the pathology report will be faxed to the referring practice at 3 p.m. each day unless HCT receives other instructions from the practice
- Pathology reports for only your patients are available through the secure HCT web portal

#### **QUESTIONS**

- For any questions or concerns, please contact our management team
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