



Summit Pathology to provide pathology services to PVHS

Beginning February 1, Summit Pathology will become the new provider of pathology services for Poudre Valley Health System's Laboratory Services at Poudre Valley Hospital and Medical Center of the Rockies.

Summit Pathology's eight pathologists are board-certified by the American Board of Pathology. Most have subspecialty certification and training in such areas as surgical pathology, breast pathology, gynecological cytopathology, hematopathology, transfusion medicine, microbiology, gastrointestinal pathology, and dermatopathology.

As part of their services, the pathologists will also provide local flow cytometry testing and guidance in ordering additional molecular diagnostic tests. The PVHS laboratories previously outsourced these two services to private pathology companies.

Gary Burkhartsmeier, director of PVH's Laboratory Services, said Summit Pathology will bring depth and breadth to the health system's pathology services.

"We're extremely pleased because we know Summit Pathology will go the extra mile to ensure that our patients and physicians receive world-class service," he said.

Tonya Winder, MCR's director of Laboratory Services, said Summit Pathology has a history of excellent service.

"Summit Pathology uses state-of-the-art technology and has a highly skilled and dedicated staff," she said. "The pathologists offer rapid, accurate diagnostic and consultative services."

Summit Pathology provides services to physicians, medical offices and hospitals in communities throughout northern Colorado and Wyoming. Summit Pathology was formed in 2007 in a merger between Greeley Pathologists and Colorado Pathology Associates, two physician-owned pathology groups in northern Colorado.

Summit Pathology plans to increase its staff of pathologists in the near future. Dr. James Christian, a specialist in genitourinary pathology, and Dr. Sarah Barksdale, a dermatopathologist, will join Summit Pathology in April and June, respectively, and will provide services to the PVHS laboratories.

Other info you need to know:

- During the first week of February, a new but similar pathology requisition form will be delivered to physician and other medical offices that use PVHS laboratory services. Please use this form.
- PAP and outpatient results will be delivered on Summit Pathology letterhead. They will no longer be printed on pink paper.

More information:
Summitpathology.com

List of pathologists at Summit Pathology on back ►



Here are the pathologists at Summit Pathology and their PVHS roles:



Dr. Christopher Bee
will be Medical Director of PVH and MCR Laboratory Services.



Dr. Wentzell Hamner
will be Medical Director of the Harmony Campus Lab and serves as Summit Pathology managing partner.



Dr. Arlene Libby
will provide services for MCR.



Dr. Michael Walts
will be the Medical Director of Laboratory Services for the MCR Surgery Center.

Other Summit Pathology pathologists who will provide pathology services for PVHS.



Dr. D. Joe Chaffin
will consult in blood bank operations and transfusion medical services.



Dr. Thomas Neuhauser



Dr. Cory Dunn



Dr. Richard Halbert