

Meet Our Pathologists



George H. Clarke, MD

Director of Pathology Services

BA University of Virginia

MD Vanderbilt University

Residency & Fellowship Vanderbilt University

Board Certification Anatomic and

Clinical Pathology

Clinical Interests Breast pathology, general surgical pathology, laboratory medicine



Matthew J. Snyder, MD

Medical Director, Ambulatory and Community Lab Services

BS College of William and Mary

MD Medical College of Virginia

Residency Duke University Medical Center

Fellowships Duke University Medical Center
(Gynecologic Pathology | Hematopathology)

Board Certification Anatomic and

Clinical Pathology, Hematopathology

Clinical Interests Gynecologic and general surgical pathology, hematopathology, gastrointestinal pathology, cytopathology



Shrin Rajagopalan, MD, PhD

BS Harvard University

MD Duke University

PhD Duke University

Residency Duke University Medical Center

Board Certification Anatomic and

Clinical Pathology, special training in

Hematopathology

Clinical Interests Gynecologic, genitourinary, breast, lung, gastrointestinal pathology, general surgery pathology, and laboratory medicine



Ahren C. Rittershaus, MD

Medical Director, Anatomic Pathology, WakeMed North Hospital

BA Johns Hopkins University

MD Virginia Commonwealth University
School of Medicine

Residency Medical University of
South Carolina

Fellowships Johns Hopkins University (surgical pathology) | University of Michigan Hospital
(GI and hepatobiliary pathology)

Board Certification Anatomic and
Clinical Pathology

Clinical Interests Gastrointestinal and liver pathology, gynecologic, genitourinary, and general surgical pathology

History of RPLA at WakeMed Health & Hospitals

Laurin J. Kaasa, MD, began practicing pathology in Raleigh in 1961 at the hospital now known as WakeMed Health & Hospitals and as the first pathologist oversaw the creation of the Pathology Laboratory. He eventually became partners with Dewey Pate, MD, and Ron Edwards, MD, and together formed Raleigh Pathology Laboratory Associates, P.A. (RPLA). RPLA has prospered and grown the number of pathologists and includes a supportive and professional administrative staff. As a commitment to quality is the guiding force for both organizations, RPLA and WakeMed have partnered to provide comprehensive anatomic and clinical pathology services to both inpatients and outpatients in our community. RPLA practices the principles of excellence and quality service in laboratory medicine that were part of the philosophy of the founding members and continue to be hallmarks of the members today.



Jeremy T. Spencer, MD
Medical Director, WakeMed
Cary Hospital Laboratory

BA Boston College

MD The George Washington University

Residency The George Washington University

Fellowship The George Washington University
 (cytopathology)

Board Certification Anatomic and Clinical
 Pathology

Clinical Interests General surgical pathology
 and cytopathology



M. Georgina Uberti, MD
Medical Director, WakeMed Apex Healthplex
WakeMed Brier Creek Healthplex
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MD University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Residency Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Fellowship Dermatopathology at the
 Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Board Certification Anatomic and Clinical
 Pathology, Dermatopathology

Clinical Interests Dermatopathology, gynecologic and general surgical pathology



Michael P. Zaleski, DO
Medical Director, Core Laboratory
WakeMed Raleigh Campus

BS University of Scranton

DO Philadelphia College of Osteopathic
 Medicine

Residency Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

Fellowships The University of Texas MD
 Anderson Cancer Center (Oncologic surgical
 pathology | Genitourinary pathology)

Board Certification Anatomic and Clinical
 Pathology

Clinical Interests Prostate, bladder, and kidney cancer, immunohistochemistry, oncologic surgical and genitourinary pathology



E. Grover Smith, PhD
Medical Director, Microbiology and Special Testing | Executive Director, Raleigh Pathology Laboratory Associates

BS Wake Forest University

MA Wake Forest University

PhD Bowman Gray School of Medicine,
 Wake Forest University

Residency University of North Carolina
 at Chapel Hill

Clinical Interests Microbiology and
 infectious diseases



Ryan C. Johnson, MD
Medical Director, Transfusion Services

BS Saint Norbert College

MD University of Wisconsin School of
 Medicine and Public Health

Residency & Fellowship Stanford Hospital
 and Clinics

Board Certification Anatomic and Clinical
 Pathology, Hematopathology

Clinical Interests Hematopathology,
 transfusion medicine, laboratory medicine,
 molecular diagnostics, cytogenetics, general
 surgical pathology, cytopathology