

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



Ahren C. Rittershaus, MD

**Medical Director, Anatomic Pathology,
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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



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



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BS Saint Norbert College

MD University of Wisconsin School of
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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

History of RPLA at WakeMed

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.



M. Georgina Uberti, MD

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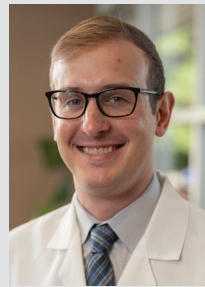
MD University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Residency Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Fellowship Dermatopathology at the
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Board Certification Anatomic and Clinical
Pathology, Dermatopathology

Clinical Interests Dermatopathology,
gynecologic and general surgical pathology



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BS University of Wisconsin-Madison

MD University of Wisconsin School of
Medicine and Public Health

Residency University of Pittsburgh
Medical Center

Board Certification Anatomic and
Clinical Pathology

Clinical Interests Breast and Gynecologic
pathology, gastrointestinal pathology,
general surgical pathology



Laila Nomani, M.D.

Medical Director, WakeMed Apex Healthplex

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WakeMed Garner Healthplex

WakeMed Wendell Healthplex

MD GMC Jammu, India

Residency Cleveland Clinic

Fellowships Cleveland Clinic
(Hematopathology) Loyola University
Medical Center, Chicago (Cytopathology)

Board Certification Anatomic and Clinical
Pathology, Hematopathology, Cytopathology

Clinical Interests Head and neck pathology,
cytopathology, hematopathology



E. Grover Smith, PhD

**Medical Director, Microbiology and Special
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BS Wake Forest University

MA Wake Forest University

PhD Bowman Gray School of Medicine,
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Residency University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

Clinical Interests Microbiology and
infectious diseases