



# IDEXX Reference Laboratories

Equine pathology consultants

## **Jamie M. Bush, DVM, MS, DACVP**

Anatomic Pathologist

**Area(s) of interest:** canine reproductive pathology, canine neuropathology, oncologic pathology

Dr. Bush is a board-certified veterinary anatomic pathologist who completed her veterinary training in 2004 at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, followed by her residency and MS in 2008 at the Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She currently lives in Jacksonville, Florida, with her three dogs, Gianni, Isadora, and Emma.

## **Julia Conway, DVM, DACVP P**

Regional Head of Pathology, Anatomic Pathologist

**Area(s) of interest:** tumor pathology, ophthalmology, equine pathology

Dr. Conway started her career as a mechanical engineer, earning her undergraduate degree from Rochester Institute of Technology. She later transitioned to veterinary medicine, graduating from the University of Florida in 2006. She completed her anatomic pathology residency training at the University of Florida and received ACVP diplomate status in 2010. After her residency, Julia stayed on as faculty at the University of Florida. During her tenure, Julia managed the residency program and the dermatopathology service. She is also an executive board member for the Florida Veterinary Medical Association. She lives in Gainesville with her spouse who is a farrier. The couple has a 7-year-old daughter, a Jack Russell terrier named Madeline, a cat named Yeager (after Chuck Yeager, the pilot who broke the speed of sound), a pony named Dora, and an African leopard tortoise named Millie. In her free time, Dr. Conway enjoys anything having to do with the water and anything with her daughter, especially playing volleyball together. They also enjoy traveling up to New York's Finger Lakes region to visit her 100-year-old grandfather, Pop, who still lives alone and even mows his own yard. She says that a couple of years ago, he had to transition from shoveling snow to using a snow blower, but she hopes no one tells him she revealed this fact.

## **Becky McElhaney, DVM, DACVP**

Anatomic Pathologist

**Area(s) of interest:** diagnostic pathology, mammalian pathology, dermatopathology, reproductive pathology

Dr. McElhaney received a BS in agriculture from the University of Florida in 1983 and a DVM from the University of Florida in 1992. She completed the first 2 years of her residency in anatomic pathology at the University of Florida, and a third year at the University of California, Davis. She remained at UC Davis as a staff pathologist and chief of the university's pathology service until joining IDEXX in 1997. She has been board-certified in anatomic pathology by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists since 1995.

## **Barbara McMahon<sup>†</sup>, DVM, DACVP, PhD**

Anatomic Pathologist

**Area(s) of interest:** dermatopathology

Dr. McMahon earned her DVM in 2006 at the Technical University of Lisbon, School of Veterinary Medicine, Portugal, where she also held an assistant veterinarian position. In 2010, she completed her residency in anatomic pathology at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine. In 2014 she completed a PhD in comparative pathology also at UC Davis. Dr. McMahon has developed a special interest in veterinary dermatopathology under the mentorship of Dr. Verena Affolter and Dr. Thelma Lee Gross. She joined IDEXX in 2014 and is currently a board member of the International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology.

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### **Alba Maria M. Shank, DVM, MS, DACVP**

Assistant Manager, East Region; Anatomic Pathologist

**Area(s) of interest:** ophthalmic pathology, reproductive pathology, diseases of small and large ruminants and camelids

Dr. Shank was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, and completed her DVM and MS degrees at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia. She completed a veterinary anatomic pathology residency at the University of Kentucky Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in 2009. In 2010 she moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to work at the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and became a board-certified veterinary anatomic pathologist in September 2011. She joined the IDEXX team at the North Grafton, Massachusetts, laboratory in February 2012 and was promoted to an assistant manager position (east region) in June 2014. Nonpathology interests include gardening, canning, knitting, farming, hiking, camping, general outdoorsy stuff, and playing in the dirt with her three children and husband.

### **Denise Wunn, DVM, MS, DACVP, MRCVS**

Director, North America Clinical Pathology

**Area(s) of interest:** equine clinical pathology, cytology, hemolytic diseases pathology, diseases of small and large ruminants and camelids

Dr. Wunn graduated with distinction from Iowa State University in 1990. She spent the next 4 years in private practice in mixed-animal and small-animal practices. She completed a residency and graduate degree at Washington State University. Dr. Wunn joined IDEXX in 2000 and became certified as a clinical pathologist by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in 2002. Her specialties include cytology, hematology, and equine clinical pathology. She enjoys teaching and has taught at Washington State University, Iowa State University, and Tufts University. In addition, Dr. Wunn has done many continuing education programs for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians in the U.S. and internationally. Her most recent publications are contributions to manuscripts involving hematology of tortoises and sea turtles in association with the New England Aquarium and reference intervals for the Friesian horse in association with the University of Wisconsin.

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