



IDEXX Reference Laboratories

Eye pathology consultants

Julia Conway, DVM, DACVP

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.

David M. Getzy, DVM, DACVP

Anatomic Pathologist

Area(s) of interest: anatomic, oncologic, eye, bone, liver/GI, avian and exotic/large animal/wildlife, endocrine, general surgical pathology, dermatopathology

Dr. Getzy received his DVM from The Ohio State University in 1987 and has served in the department of pathology, the diagnostic laboratories, and the cancer unit at Colorado State University. He has extensive experience in necropsy/gross anatomic pathology, and is board certified by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Dr. Getzy's interest in wildlife pathology, including exotic and fish pathology, has led him to work extensively with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Denver Zoo, and other zoologic parks. He has been with IDEXX since 1996.

Michelle Nobrega-Lee, DVM, DACVP

Anatomic Pathologist

Area(s) of interest: avian pathology, exotic and zoo species, large-animal pathology, ocular pathology, oncologic pathology

Dr. Nobrega-Lee graduated from Tuskegee University in 2007. She then completed a small-animal internship at Tufts University in 2008, followed by an avian and exotic animal medicine and surgery residency at Angell Animal Medical Center in 2010. That was followed by completion of a residency in anatomic pathology at the University of Tennessee in 2014 and subsequent board certification in 2014. She currently lives in Smyrna, Georgia, with her husband, Dr. Nathan Lee, who is a veterinary radiation oncologist; a daughter; two chocolate Labs; a cat; and a Quaker parrot. She enjoys running, traveling, and anything bird-related.

Elisa N. Salas, DVM, DACVP

Anatomic Pathologist

Area(s) of interest: neuropathology, dermatopathology, ocular pathology

Dr. Salas grew up in Philadelphia, and always knew that she wanted to be a veterinarian. She first realized her love of pathology at necropsy show and tell rounds at Cornell University, where she obtained her DVM. After 4 years of mixed-animal and small-animal practice, she jumped at the opportunity to pursue a residency at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. During that time, Dr. Salas developed and taught her own gross pathology class, focusing on exotic animals. In addition to her pathology experience, she has a strong interest in big-data analysis and publications in both fields. She passed her boards in 2013. In addition to helping submitting veterinarians at IDEXX, she also serves as a consultant on the Clinical and Anatomic Pathology boards of the Veterinary Information Network. Her volunteerism includes membership in the Member Relations Committee of the ACVP and teaching high school students zoo anatomy and pathology at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha.

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Alba Maria M. Shank, DVM, MS, DACVP

Assistant Manager, East Region; Anatomic Pathologist

Area(s) of interest: eye 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 Regional 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.

Jeremy Tobias, DVM, DACVP

Anatomic Pathologist

Area(s) of interest: surgical pathology, eye pathology, dermatopathology

Dr. Tobias was born in South Africa and raised in Alabama. He attended Cornell University for his undergraduate studies, and in 2011 he received his veterinary degree from North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine and subsequently stayed to complete an anatomic pathology residency. In 2014, Dr. Tobias attained American College of Veterinary Pathologists board certification and joined IDEXX Laboratories in Memphis.

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