



# Aurora Diagnostics LAB OF THE MONTH MAY 2013



**WESTERN PATHOLOGY  
CONSULTANTS**  
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## CONGRATULATIONS TO WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS FOR ITS DESIGNATION AS AURORA'S LABORATORY OF THE MONTH

Western Pathology Consultants (WPC) is a full-service laboratory located in Reno, Nevada. Founded in July 1987, it is nestled at the base of the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains and enjoys a high desert climate. In 1996, the practice merged with Northern Nevada Pathologists, based at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. In 1997, WPC merged with Sparks Pathologists, becoming the surgical and clinical pathology provider for the Northern Nevada Medical Center.

WPC is the largest provider of outpatient surgical pathology services in northern Nevada and northeastern California. WPC provides pathology and laboratory director services to St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, the Northern Nevada Medical Center, and several rural hospitals and health care facilities throughout the region. WPC joined the Aurora family in December 2010, markedly expanding Aurora's strength and services in Nevada and the adjoining areas.

The WPC physician staff includes Laboratory Medical Director Tony Yang, M.D., Ph.D.; Grant Hayashi, M.D.; Brian Davis, M.D.; Mindy Cooper-Smith, M.D.; and Jason Hope, M.D. The WPC support staff consists of Laboratory Manager Stephanie Myer, HT(ASCP)CMQIHC; Office Manager Polly Davis, four HT/HTLs, five laboratory assistants, one grossing technician, two couriers, and eight office staff specialists in transcription, sales/marketing, and customer service.



The WPC facility encompasses approximately 8,571 square feet. It houses business offices, customer service, histology laboratory, pathology laboratory, transcription services, storage warehouse, and supply warehouse.

WPC's commitment to providing comprehensive pathology services is supported by its exceptional operational capabilities. On site, WPC owns and operates a Prisma H&E Autostainer and Linked Film Coverslipper, Tissue-Tek VIP tissue processors (two VIP 5s and one VIP 6), two Dako Autostainers, one Ventana XT with Vias Imager, and one Ventana Ultra. In addition, WPC is acquiring the Correo imager to use with the Ventana Ultra. WPC utilizes Leica automated microtomes, Tissue-Tek embedding centers, and a ThinPrep 2000 processor for cytology specimens.

WPC offers a comprehensive menu of anatomic and clinical pathology services related to women's health, dermatopathology, gastrointestinal/genitourinary, and hematopathology/oncology disorders. This includes routine biopsies, frozen sections, cytology, fine-needle aspiration, bone marrow collection and interpretation, and fungal infection testing on finger and toe nails. The WPC test menu includes in-house histochemistry and immunohistochemistry processes involving more than 90 antibodies. Additionally, WPC offers laboratory directorships, management of various hospitals and health care facilities, and consultative services.

Having been a meaningful presence in northern Nevada and CAP-accredited for over 25 years, WPC prides itself on its record of exceptional client relations and service, diagnostic accuracy, and rigorous application of cutting-edge laboratory technologies. Aurora Diagnostics is exceedingly proud of the achievements of all WPC physicians and support staff and anticipates many years of mutually beneficial association with this outstanding organization.