



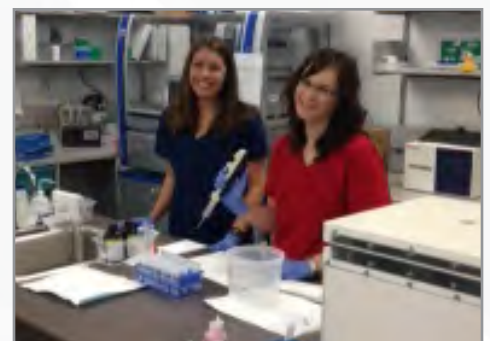
# Aurora Diagnostics LAB OF THE MONTH JUNE 2013



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ADX BERNHARDT LABORATORIES FOR ITS DESIGNATION AS AURORA'S LABORATORY OF THE MONTH

Aurora Diagnostics Bernhardt Laboratories (ADXBL), Jacksonville, FL, is an anatomic pathology/molecular pathology laboratory specializing in women's health and dermatopathology services. Founded in 1986 by nationally-acclaimed pathologist Harvey E. Bernhardt, M.D., ADXBL's basic mission was to provide improved anatomic pathology/molecular pathology services. Under his astute direction, a solid foundation of outstanding and high-quality pathology services was established in Florida and the Southeast. These services were based on Dr. Bernhardt's philosophy that "if we can make it easier to work with us, it will be easier for physicians to deal with their patients." Since then, ADXBL's continuing focus has been on providing exceptional customer services in a very competitive market.

In 2001, ADXBL expanded its services via the establishment of a dermatopathology division, led by Dr. Charles Perniciaro. Dr. Perniciaro is one of the country's foremost experts in dermatopathology, having consulted for the Mayo Clinic and serving on several faculties, including that of UF Health Jacksonville (formerly known as Shands Jacksonville Medical Center). In August 2007, Dr. Sumra Rathore joined ADXBL as medical director/head pathologist. Her contributions have been foremost in maintaining the achievement of ADXBL's basic mission and overall dedication to excellence.



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Bernhardt Laboratories joined the Aurora family in 2010, thus enhancing Aurora's network of laboratories in Florida and the Southeast providing high-quality women's health and dermatopathology services. Regina, Wes, and Brad Bernhardt have brought with them a wealth of experience and expertise. Wes and Brad have continued to expand their roles within the Aurora organization, with Wes recently appointed as Director of Southeast Regional Operations and Brad serving as Aurora's Women's Health Diagnostics Product Manager. In 2011, Bernhardt Laboratories transitioned to its official ADXBH logo.

ADXBH is overseen by General Manager Chuck Edwards, and currently has 64 employees. Its staff of full-time pathologists includes Dr. Rathore, Dr. Perniciaro, and Dr. Ronald Rhatigan. Other key personnel (alphabetically presented) include Kathy Brown (Molecular Supervisor), Jeanette Dunham (Cytology/ Molecular Transcription Supervisor), Mary Feliciano (Specimen Routing Supervisor), Patricia Gibbs-Roberts (Cytology Supervisor), Debbie Hopely (Histology Transcription Supervisor), Beth Johnson (Office Administrator), Fayyaz Malik (Director of IT and Cytology), and Shannon Schill (Histology Supervisor).

ADXBL has focused on the continued development of women's health and dermatopathology diagnostic services. With regard to women's health, ADXBL has been the primary referral laboratory within the Aurora network for molecular testing involving bacterial vaginosis, candida vaginitis, cystic fibrosis, human papillomavirus, mycoplasma, and ureaplasma urealyticum.

ADXBL encompasses approximately 9,300 square feet of laboratory space. It recently completed a 2,800 square foot expansion of its molecular laboratory. The latter includes two rooms for pre-amp and post-amp, additional cytology and IT space, and approximately 300 square feet of new slide and block storage. It will also facilitate the continued development of genetic testing.

Since its inception, ADXBL has been accredited by the College of American Pathologists and licensed by the State of Florida. To ensure the highest level of quality, ADXBL subscribes to strict quality assessment programs. Its laboratory consistently meets and exceeds the standards of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) and maintains CLIA's Certificate of Compliance. All ADXBL pathologists and cytologists have passed the proficiency test required under federal law.

ADXBL continues to be a leader in the medical community, constantly introducing new technology and techniques to enhance the practice of medicine. ADXBL's commitment extends beyond diagnostic accuracy and exceptional service as it strives to build trusting relationships with its health care partners and their patients. Essentially, everything ADXBL does focuses on helping referring clinicians provide the best possible patient care.