

Role of Pathologists in Your Healthcare

Effective treatment begins with the right diagnosis.

Pathologists are critical members of the health care team, combining a scientist's understanding of what laboratory evidence suggests and a specialty physician's knowledge of medicine to determine the correct diagnosis.

WHO THEY ARE



Pathologists are medical doctors.

Pathologists have special training and use medical laboratory tests to find out if you are healthy.

If they find something wrong, they can tell what kind of disease it is.

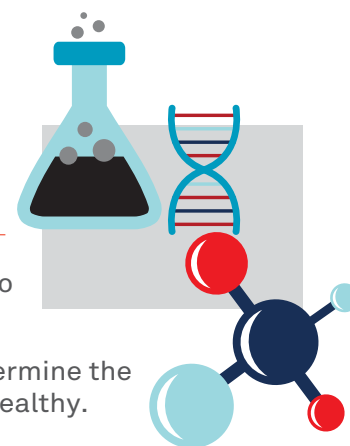
THEIR ROLE

Who they care for

Pathologists provide important health information to all types of doctors for all ages and types of people.

Pathologists work closely with other doctors to determine the best possible treatment plan to keep each person healthy.

For example, pathologists can work with a general doctor to report results of blood tests for diabetes. Pathologists can also work with surgeons to see if a patient has cancer

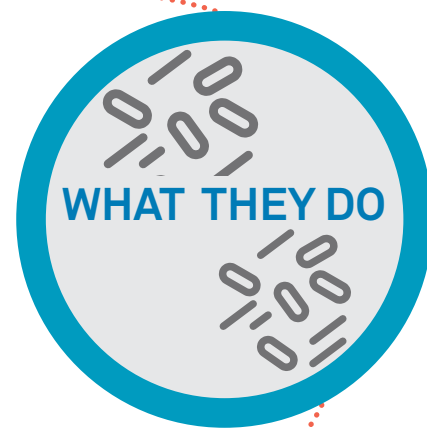


WHAT THEY DO

By looking closely at different samples of your cells, blood, or body tissues in a laboratory, pathologists determine if you are healthy or not. Then they write a report to other doctors to explain what they found.

Often pathologists talk with your other doctors to decide the best way to help you be healthy. That might be a treatment, a different test, or other kinds of help.

Behind every patient and their doctor, you will find pathologists: specially trained physicians who provide important information to keep you healthy!



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