



# Physicians Laboratory Client Referral Guide

## LOCATIONS

### **PHYSICIANS LABORATORY**

#### **SIOUX FALLS**

1301 S. Cliff Ave. Suite 700  
Sioux Falls, SD, 57105  
605-322-7200 \* 800-658-5474  
FAX 605-322-7222  
HOURS 8AM-5PM  
After hours contact: (605) 322-7200

### **PHYSICIANS LABORATORY**

#### **OF NORTHWEST IOWA**

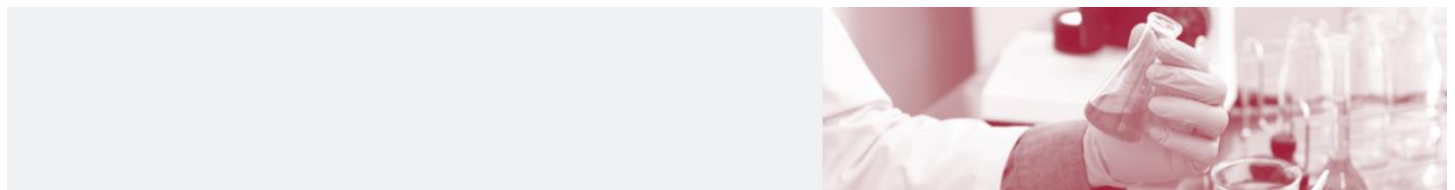
116 E. 11th Street, Room 204  
Spencer, IA 51301  
712-262-3759 \* 800-584-7076  
FAX 712-262-3076  
HOURS 8AM-4:30PM  
After hours contact Spencer Hospital Lab: (712) 264-6173

### **PHYSICIANS LABORATORY**

#### **OF YANKTON**

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital \* 501 Summit  
Yankton, SD 57058  
605-668-8164 \* FAX 605-668-8168  
HOURS 8AM-5PM  
After hours contact: (605) 660-2081 (C) (605) 665-1361 (H)

A Physicians Laboratory pathologist is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please call the afterhours contact number for the appropriate laboratory site. If a pathologist cannot be reached at an outreach laboratory (Spencer or Yankton) please call the Sioux Falls laboratory after hours number and leave contact information.





Physicians Laboratory, Ltd. Was founded in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1966 to provide Anatomic and Clinical Pathology services and Nuclear Imaging consultation to physicians' offices, clinics, and surrounding area hospitals. It has grown from this modest beginning and now provides services to many area hospitals and clinics and physicians' offices in a four-state area. Physicians Laboratory, Ltd. And its satellite laboratories: Physicians Laboratory of Northwest Iowa, Physicians Laboratory of Mitchell, SD, and Physicians Laboratory of Yankton, SD provide high quality laboratory services for the region. PL is CLIA-licensed and is inspected by the College of American Pathology. Physicians Laboratory also provides laboratory directorships to several surrounding community hospitals.

All pathologists at Physicians Laboratory are board-certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. In addition, there are pathologists board-certified in hematopathology, dermatopathology, transfusion medicine, breast pathology, endocrine and head and neck pathology. Other areas of expertise include subspecialty training in GI and transplant pathology. PL pathologists also maintain relationships and affiliations with a number of area hospitals and clinics, providing them with clinical laboratory and anatomic pathology support.

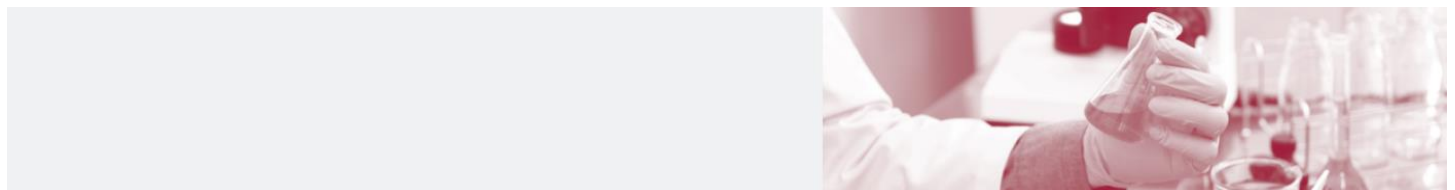
Physicians Laboratory employs board-certified cytotechnologists, including one with molecular certification. They are available to assist with any cytology processing questions.

Reports are transmitted by direct printing and courier or may be faxed upon request. Pathology reports are also available in Meditech's EMR.

Physicians Laboratory utilizes same day histology processing technology (Express) for over 50% of surgical cases. Routine Pap tests are available within 24 hours from the time the specimen is received. High-risk HPV testing, CT/NG testing, and Trichomonas vaginalis testing are all available from the ThinPrep sample. Physicians Laboratory offers monthly statistical reports and client summaries on gynecologic cytology to all clients.

Pl's helpful and courteous support staff is always ready to assist with questions or problems.

The goal of Physicians Laboratory is to provide the highest quality anatomic pathology services to the health community at large. With personal attention to clients and patients Physicians Laboratory provides these services in a cost effective and timely manner.



## Quality Assurance

Interpretation of cytology specimens at Physicians Laboratory is performed by board certified pathologists or by cytotechnologists (registered by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists). In compliance with the CLIA '88 regulation, supervisory level cytotechnologists perform daily random rescreen of 10% of all Pap tests before the reports are released. "Within Normal Limits" Pap tests are reported out by a cytotechnologist. Cases routed to the pathologist for review are separated from the routine normal cases. These cases include: reactive/reparative, atypical, premalignant or malignant cases, and any case where the screening cytotechnologist has any question regarding a totally benign state.

Surgical specimens are examined grossly by a pathology assistant, a pathologist, or a qualified histotechnologist. The specimens are then viewed microscopically and given a diagnosis by a pathologist. All gross only specimens are reviewed by a pathologist. Some complex cases receive an intradepartmental review and/or may be referred to an outside facility for further evaluation.

Interpretation of cytology specimens at Physicians Laboratory is performed by board certified pathologists and cytotechnologists.

## General Requisition Requirements

Specimens (e.g. cytology, surgical, bone marrows) sent to Physicians Laboratory require a completed requisition. The requisitions should include the following information:

- Patient's full name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Sex
- Name of submitting facility
- Name of physician
- Clinical history (e.g. previous malignancies, radiation or chemotherapy treatment, previous abnormal Paps)
- Insurance and/or billing information
- Date of collection
- Source of Specimen
- Place of service, e.g. inpatient or outpatient if from a hospital

## Standard Precautions

Human blood specimens are treated as infectious and handled according to "standard precautions". Standard precautions cover the transmission of any pathogen and are more comprehensive than universal precautions, which apply only to blood-borne pathogens.

