

# Without a pathologist, it would all be guesswork.



**V**ital to precision-based medicine, a pathologist is the behind-the-scenes, lab-based medical detective who searches for the evidence necessary to reach an accurate diagnosis.

“We are a team of general pathologists who are dedicated to providing excellence for the patients whose lives we touch,” says Dr. Thomas Latham of the five-physician Upstate Pathology team. “It never leaves our minds that someone is waiting anxiously for our report.”

“Staying on the leading edge of this medical science is important to us,” adds Dr. Noel Brownlee. “Tissue samples continue to get smaller, and personalized medicine continues to demand more from us. We are seeing the future of molecular pathology and working diligently every day to bring the most precise information to the doctors and patients we serve.”

## Your pathologist: a critical member of your healthcare team

You may never meet this specialist, but your general pathologist is a medical doctor who studies disease, makes or confirms diagnoses, and uses laboratory testing to monitor your health. Detailed results are provided to your direct-care physicians. When a disease, such as cancer, is under treatment, your pathologist meets regularly with your attending physician to help guide your treatment.



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## MEET YOUR LOCAL PATHOLOGISTS

The five doctors of Upstate Pathology are Diplomates of the American Board of Pathology. Individually, they are the recipients of numerous awards and honors, prolific clinical writers, respected researchers and educators, and looked to as leaders in the field.

### Noel A. Brownlee, MD, PhD

First earning a PhD in experimental pathology at the Medical University of South Carolina, Dr. Brownlee completed his medical degree, magna cum laude, at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. After serving residencies at Duke University School of Medicine and Wake Forest School of Medicine, he completed fellowship training at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His areas of special interest include urologic, pulmonary, and molecular pathology.

### J. Thomas Latham Jr, MD

After receiving his medical degree with honors at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Latham completed his internship and residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital, followed by fellowship training at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. His areas of special interest include breast and gastrointestinal pathology.

### Charles A. Nicholson III, MD

Dr. Nicholson earned his medical degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and completed residency and fellowship training at The University of Iowa. He serves on the Medical Staff Quality Improvement Council at Bon Secours St. Francis. His areas of special interest are in head and neck pathology.

### Valentin G. Robu, MD, PhD

With a medical degree completed in Bucharest, Romania, Dr. Robu further studied at the University of Wisconsin to achieve a PhD in physiology. He was subsequently awarded fellowships in hematopathology and surgical pathology at the University of Minnesota. His area of special interest continues to be hematopathology, which focuses on diagnostic evaluation of blood, bone marrow, lymph nodes, and the spleen.

### Donald C. Swing, Jr, MD

With a medical degree from Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, Dr. Swing completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. After 12 years in private practice, he redirected his focus from obstetrics and gynecology to pathology and completed his pathology residency at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He was awarded a fellowship in gynecologic pathology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His area of special interest continues to be in gynecologic pathology.