

## **KDL Pathology Continues Growth, Adds Two More Dermatopathologists**

*East Tennessee laboratory continues growth with addition of acclaimed Drs. Smoller and Hitchcock*

**Knoxville, Tenn.** (May 24, 2012)— KDL Pathology, the only accredited dermatopathology laboratory in East Tennessee and one of the few in the U.S. that specializes in hard-to-diagnose skin disorders, announces that esteemed dermatopathologists Drs. Bruce R. Smoller and Michael G. Hitchcock have joined its team.

“Since KDL started in 1997, our staff has established an impeccable reputation nationwide for high quality, physician-centered and patient-focused service,” said Dr. Paul Googe, founder and pathologist at KDL. “Drs. Smoller and Hitchcock both bring a great depth of knowledge and expertise to our organization, and we are fortunate to have them join our team. This addition allows us to further serve our growing network of regional skin care providers and their patients.”

Smoller, after receiving his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston as well as a fellowship in dermatopathology at Cornell University-New York Hospital. In addition to his numerous academic appointments, including serving as chairman of pathology and dermatopathology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Smoller has more than 140 publications to his credit. Listed as one of the ‘Best Doctors in America’ for five consecutive years, Smoller currently holds the title of executive vice president of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology.

Hitchcock received his medical degree from the University of Auckland School of Medicine and completed his pathology residency in anatomic and clinical pathology in Brighton, England. Both his surgical pathology and dermatopathology fellowships were completed at Duke University Medical Center. As a clinical assistant professor of pathology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Hitchcock is the author of numerous scholarly publications. Hitchcock is a fellow of both the American Society of Dermatopathology and College of American Pathologists.

“The combined experience of KDL dermatopathologists takes our services to the next level of excellence, providing direct access to leading-edge technology and new advances in the practice of dermatopathology,” said Googe.

The new physicians join Drs. Googe, Joshua Gapp and Martin Mihm, a long-time KDL consultant and international expert in the field of pigmented lesions. KDL dermatopathologists are board-certified by the American Boards of Pathology and Dermatology and are recognized experts in the diagnosis of melanoma and other skin disorders.

### **About KDL Pathology**

KDL Pathology is a privately-held specialty pathology group that offers rapid, comprehensive testing for skin and ophthalmic disease through its laboratory division, Knoxville Dermatopathology Laboratory. KDL ranks highest in client satisfaction and receives requests for expert consultation from other laboratories and pathologists nationwide. In addition, KDL’s Specialty Lab division offers women’s health skin biopsy and general anatomic pathology testing for breast and gynecology-related issues. KDL is certified by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA), accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), and licensed by the state of Tennessee. For more information, please visit [www.kdlpathology.com](http://www.kdlpathology.com).

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