

HRPLABS: MUCH MORE THAN A PATHOLOGY LAB

The year 2019 has been one of great importance for HRPLabs. This year we expanded our Medical School to 19 pathologists, maintaining our position as the laboratory in this category with the largest number of specialist and subspecialty pathologists in Puerto Rico. These subspecialists have completed "Fellowships" in Gastropathology, Immunopathology, Hematopathology, Dermatopathology, Neuropathology, Cytopathology, Breast Pathology, Molecular Oncology Pathology and Molecular Genetics, adding to 9 pathology subspecialties. All this minimizes the need to resort to sending biopsies and other specimens to external laboratories to determine a final diagnosis in complicated cases, in addition to further reducing the short time to deliver a diagnosis that characterizes us.

We continue to expand services such as the Fine Needle Aspiration Clinics, now with 5 pathologists certified by the CAP and 8 clinics around the Island, clinical laboratory and referral services, innovative immunohistochemical and molecular tests, some of them aimed at specific medical specialties, such as Flow Cytometry (FLOW). We have revolutionized the industry with the inclusion of onco-molecular tests such as BRAF, KRAS and EGFR, which in many cases are medically necessary to determine the course of treatment to follow in colon, melanoma and lung cancer patients. This type of test was not available until very recently in Puerto Rico.

HRPLabs has a quality department which adheres to rigorous standards to ensure consistent and accurate results. We have a Compliance Program and Committee to ensure that the operation complies with all the laws and regulations that govern us in the healthcare industry. This department is in charge of sending reports of quality measures to CMS.

It is part of our commitment to our community to always contribute to different charities such as The American Cancer Society, Society Against Leukemia and Lymphoma, Susan G. Komen, Make a Wish, Dr. García Rinaldi Foundation, MCS Foundation and some teams. athletic, among others.

As part of this commitment, we decided to be part of a very special initiative. We recently joined the organization "DASHA Service and Therapy Dogs" to expand its program of visits to hospitals and other health centers that integrates dogs as one more therapeutic resource, within the processes that were already being worked on in the Port Hospitals. Rich. "Animals Dedicated to Human Service" (DASHA) has been in Puerto Rico for 11 years and is the first and only non-profit organization in Puerto Rico, dedicated to the training of assistance dogs and therapy dogs.

Goofy, Dasha and Sophie are not ordinary pets. All three are dogs that are used to walking naturally through the corridors of a hospital, where they are not limited to being simple pets, but have become allies of doctors and patients. Therapy with these animals is gaining popularity in health care and other related areas for its multiple therapeutic benefits. Prestigious hospitals in the United States such as St. Judes Hospital and Mayo Clinic have already broken the barrier and allowed these dogs to enter their corridors.

Animal-assisted therapy can significantly reduce pain, anxiety, depression, and fatigue in people with various health problems: people undergoing cancer treatment, people in long-term care facilities, people with cardiovascular disease, veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety problems, and many other conditions. Not only people with health problems see the benefits; Family members, friends and even the hospital work team who are present at animal visits also say they feel better.

HRPLabs' idea in expanding this program is that each visit where dogs are present has a therapeutic purpose. Either to distract children who spend long periods in hospital or at rest, or to relieve stress caused by painful tests. "If a child is afraid to walk again after trauma surgery, for example, encouraging him to walk the animal is also intended to help him regain mobility.

To request a visit for one or more therapy dogs at your Hospital, you may contact an HRPLabs service representative at 787-765-7320 and we will be happy to arrange an appointment at your facility.

At HRPLabs we focus all our efforts on laboratory services in Puerto Rico and on actively participating in initiatives that promote well-being and better patient care.