Building the Future: Career Opportunities in Clinical Microbiology

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Currently serving as Director of Pathology for Parkland Health & Hospital System, I am a medical technologist with >30 years of hospital-based clinical laboratory service. I’ve worked in both adult and pediatric hospitals, in non-profit, for profit, and public academic medical centers.

The majority of my career has been spent in microbiology, including 18 years as assistant manager of the Parkland Microbiology lab. Related duties have included laboratory safety officer, manager of Pathology clinical engineering services, and Microbiology application team lead for the building of a new lab information system.

During my early career, I also worked as a third shift generalist performing phlebotomy and conducting testing in hematology, chemistry, urinalysis, coagulation, toxicology, and transfusion services.

As Associate Director of Pathology, I had primary oversight of transfusion services, anatomic pathology, quality and performance improvement, safety, the laboratory information system, contracts/purchasing, the customer service center, and departmental administrative services. As Director, I have administrative responsibility for all laboratory services. The past two years have been accentuated by in-depth experiences in compliance with regulatory requirements and certification standards. I am currently on the design team for the laboratories in the new PHHS hospital.

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After completing my BS degree and Medical Technology training, I worked for four years as a Medical Technologist in immunology and microbiology before going back to school to obtain a Masters in Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. During this program I was introduced to infection prevention and was offered a job to work as an Infection Prevention Specialist at the completion of my MPH. I obtained certification by the Board of Infection Control and subsequently assumed a position as Director of Infection Prevention at Children’s Medical Center.

In my current position, my job duties include budget, payroll and staff management and development. I am a voting member of the Infection Control Committee and am involved in Antimicrobial Stewardship and Quality Patient Safety initiatives. I sit on the Executive Committee for Blood Stream Infection (BSI) Prevention, Product Value Analysis Committee and serve as Co-Chair of BSI House-wide Committee. A significant portion of my time involves surveillance activities to include those for fungal infections, surgical site infections and winter viruses. I am involved with Infection Prevention Risk Analysis for all construction activities done within the hospital, clinics and support space.

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I received my BS in Medical Technology from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas in 1976. For the next 14 years I worked in microbiology at Harris Hospital, Fort Worth, TX as a bench tech performing routine microbiology, mycology, mycobacteriology, serology, urinalysis, and some virology. In 1991 I accepted a position with MicroScan as an Application Specialist, was promoted to Application Consultant in 2004, and most recently became an Application Consultant in the Regional Support Center for the Americas.