At Cayuga Medical Center, every specimen is a patient

- You can trust that your patients receive the highest level of care and attention at every step in the process.
- Our couriers barcode each specimen to ensure safe delivery to the lab where specimens are accessioned and registered by dedicated staff. Each specimen is then measured and carefully sampled by our masters-level pathologist assistant followed by processing and creation of slides by licensed histotechnologists.
- A board-certified dermatopathologist renders a diagnosis and will contact you directly with unusual or unexpected findings.
- Transcriptionists assist with report creation and delivery to your office in the format of your choice.

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Meet Beth Plocharczyk, MD

Dermatopathologist

Dr. Plocharczyk is a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists and the American Society of Dermatopathology.

She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Chicago. She completed her Masters of Public Health, medical degree, residency training in anatomic and clinical pathology, and a fellowship in dermatopathology at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. She is board certified by the American Board of Pathology in anatomic and clinical pathology and jointly by the American Board of Dermatology and American Board of Pathology in dermatopathology. Dr. Plocharczyk has published in the American Journal of Dermatopathology, Annals of Diagnostic Pathology, and Laboratory Hematology and she has presented at national and international meetings.

“I came to Cayuga Medical Center to practice a different sort of medicine than the prevailing model of large commercial labs,” says Dr. Plocharczyk. “It was important to me to remain connected to direct patient care. Through my participation in tumor boards and multidisciplinary conferences, and my conversations with clinicians, I see how the decisions I make at the microscope and my reports directly influence decision pathways. Although most patients I diagnose never know who I am, I see each one of them through the lens of the physician-patient relationship. I think of each patient as I examine specimens under the microscope.”

This personalized attention is a unique advantage of the dermatopathology services offered at Cayuga Medical Center. Unlike the process in large commercial labs, Dr. Plocharczyk does not have an excessive case volume. “I have the privilege of taking my time with each case and integrating all of the information available to me,” she explains. “I am very fortunate to have been mentored by someone who, in addition to sharing an immense knowledge base, also taught me to practice in a careful and meticulous way, taking time to pay attention to the details.”

At Cayuga Medical Center, you can expect our dermatopathologist to give her personalized attention to every specimen you submit. She values her relationships with her clinical colleagues and is available twenty-four hours a day by cell phone.