

DERMATOLOGY PEARLS

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PEARL OF THE MONTH: DERMATOPATHOLOGISTS – WHY NOT JUST PATHOLOGISTS?

As with any discipline, specialties and subspecialties develop to better meet demands of clinicians and clients. For dermatopathology, however, there is no certifying body or process, so it is a discipline that is not well defined. Many of the dermatologists and pathologists who are listed in this VIN registry confine their services to evaluation of skin biopsy specimens. Many are members of the International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology (<http://isvetderm.org/>). Dermatopathologists may be either trained and boarded in dermatology, or may be pathologists who have sought additional dermatopathological training. These specialists are often more stringent about sample submission, and provide a substantially more comprehensive analysis of the specimens, often with suggested further diagnostic or therapeutic options.

Sample submission: As detailed a history as possible should be provided with the sample, including complete signalment of the animal, response or lack of response to prior treatment and current medications. A clinical description and location of the lesion(s) should be included and many dermatopathologists appreciate submission of digital photographs of the skin lesions being sampled. Check with the dermatopathologist about transport media for any special processing that is anticipated. Most veterinary dermatologists prefer to use independent dermatopathologists (as compared to large laboratories) for more individualized customer service and sample processing.

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