



CAREERS

Pathologist

Who are Pathologists?

Pathologists are doctors who work in labs to study cells and tissues under a microscope. When another doctor takes a skin sample or any other sample of someone's body tissues (called a biopsy), the pathologist looks at it to figure out exactly what's going on. They can tell if something is an infection, a rash, skin cancer, or something else.

Pathologists don't usually see patients, but they help other doctors know what kind of treatment is needed. So they are known as "the doctor's doctor."

Would you rather...

If you were a pathologist, would you rather be a chemical pathologist (testing fluids and toxins) or an anatomic pathologist (examining tissues, organs, and whole bodies for disease)? Why?