

PATHOLOGISTS SPECIALIZING IN PROSTATE CANCER

Importance of Expert Pathology Opinion:

Despite the fact that the Gleason score might NOT change after an expert review, the reality is that more often it does. However, the issue is who did the first review. There are talented pathologists who are focused on prostate cancer and also two national labs who are focused on PC as well.

The Gleason score is a critical item; it is used as a variable in virtually every prognostic and treatment algorithm. An accurate GS mandates an expert pathology opinion from a PC pathology expert. The ones that I am most familiar with include:

A second opinion on the microscopic pathology is usually covered by insurance but if not, runs about \$500 pending on what is done. A copy of the original pathology report with the actual slides or recuts from the tissue block are sent to the outside reviewer. Your primary care doctor or you can initiate such a 2nd opinion but you need to request this and ask for a specific physician or lab to be used.

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(IMPORTANT: when samples are sent in, they should be accompanied by a request that ONLY Dr. Bostwick perform the review. He now has many associates and their expertise is unknown)

Jon Epstein (Hopkins) 410-955-5043 (Dr. Epstein does not do ploidy analysis)

<http://tinyurl.com/oha29qm>

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