

Associate Medical Director of Molecular Diagnostics Houston Methodist Hospital in the Texas Medical Center (HMH)

Houston Methodist Hospital in the Texas Medical Center (HMH) is recruiting for the **Associate Medical Director of Molecular Diagnostics**. HMH is the flagship hospital of the 8 hospital Houston Methodist Hospital System (HM) and is ranked first in clinical care in Texas by US News and World Report. The system currently has over 2,100 beds and is expanding further with addition of a new 1.5 million sf inpatient tower at HMH opening in 2018. Successful candidates will join Methodist Pathology Associates (MPA), the exclusive provider of Pathology and Genomic Medicine Services for all HM patient care activities, and will be employed by the HM Specialty Physician Group. MPA is a successful and growing group with 63 pathologists and clinical laboratory scientists. HMH has been named to FORTUNE magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" list ten years in a row.

The Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory is located in three separate but contiguous lab rooms- 900 sf pre-amplification room, 2000 sf analytic space and approximately 300 sf amplification room. The laboratory currently provides testing for companion diagnostics, pharmacogenomics, next-generation sequencing and routine clinical molecular diagnostics (see test menu at www.houstonmethodist.org/molecular/). A Special Testing Laboratory for threat organisms is also present on site.

The Associate Medical Director of Molecular Diagnostics join the molecular diagnostics professional staff of 4 pathologists. The department has a MGP fellowship program, an AP/CP residency as well as 12 other pathology specialty fellowships. The laboratory has operated since 2002 and provides services to patients and clinicians in the HM and our outreach clients. We are staffed by 10 full-time technologists including 2 developmental techs. Our bioinformatics team is led by an experienced pathologist. Instrumentation includes multiple next gen sequencing platforms for specific applications (MiSeq, NextSeq, Ion Torrent PGM, Proton, and Chef), multiple RT PCR platforms, Agena Mass ARRAY, and capillary electrophoresis instruments.

The successful candidate will have a proven record of successful development and implementation of clinical molecular diagnostics tests. S/He will be dynamic and communicate effectively to multiple constituencies, including attending physicians, pathology colleagues, trainees, and technologists. Candidates with proven leadership roles in academe or industry are strongly encouraged to apply. Candidates with successful experience in education and training will also be considered highly. The successful candidate must be clinically-oriented; collegial; be able to form meaningful collaborations with clinicians, researchers and industry; and be interested in leading the molecular diagnostics community nationally and internationally.

Candidates will be pathologists, be board-certified in CP or AP/CP with subspecialty boards in Molecular Genetic Pathology preferred, or be a PhD high complexity laboratory director with experience in molecular diagnostics. MD candidates must have or be eligible to obtain a license to practice medicine in Texas. The successful candidate may become a faculty member of Weill Cornell Medical College at Houston Methodist Hospital. A very competitive salary with excellent benefits will be provided. Please send curriculum vitae, a statement describing expertise and area of interests, and names of three references electronically to: David W. Bernard, MD, PhD, Medical Director of Clinical Pathology, Department of Pathology and Genomic Medicine, Houston Methodist Hospital, M227, 6565 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77030; e-mail dwbernard@houstonmethodist.org; Fax: 713-441-1565; Phone: 713-441-4456.

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