

PRESS RELEASE

Meridian Diagnostics is an esoteric clinical laboratory based in Colorado offering services to long term care facilities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and healthcare practices nationwide. Our aim is to assist healthcare providers with making informed decisions for their patients through reliable results, easy to read reports, and fast turnaround time.

Meridian realizes patients have many options for laboratory services, but their 24-to-48-hour turnaround-time on all results from UTI, fungal, wound care, toxicology, blood, and various respiratory pathogens makes them the lab of choice for providers.

When connecting with anyone from the Meridian Diagnostics team, the first thing you'll notice is that the company strives to help medical professionals make better healthcare decisions through functionable, accurate, seamless, and timely diagnostic testing. With a team dedicated to clear and effective communication, providers can appreciate immediate response times any hour of the day, 7 days a week.

Meridian Diagnostics, with headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO, recognizes its role within the evolving senior healthcare space. This includes servicing the testing needs in areas such the rise of nail fungus infections, respiratory & urinary pathogens, and drug abuse while keeping up to speed on the latest pandemics to face the world. The leadership personnel at the laboratory assists healthcare providers with making important decisions regarding the treatment and wellness of their patients.

When working with a laboratory of Meridian's standards, clients can rely on the professionalism, round-the-clock communication, and quality of service that is Meridian Diagnostics. The laboratory provides services to physician offices, substance abuse clinics, mental health facilities, rehabilitation programs, long-term care facilities, and more. Their goal is to offer the provider tools for improving patient care by providing clear and concise reports with timely results that put healthcare in the forefront of all company objectives.

At the start of the 2nd quarter of 2022, the COLA accredited laboratory launched its restructuring efforts, that through the leadership of their Chief Executive Officer, Rhyan Walcott, and other experienced industry leaders. Also featured on 2023's *The Top 100 Innovators & Entrepreneurs* magazine, Rhyan has helped bring the company to new levels from both operational and growth standpoints with a 35x increase in volume. Aside from a growing client base in the Mid-West USA, the company is capitalizing on new opportunities nationwide, with business evolving in states like Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and the Carolinas.

Meridian's main focus is the quality of their service lead by a dedicated team of client relationship specialists. This team of specialists helps see that clients' needs are adhered to in a timely manner from the qualification and onboarding processes all the way to results and reporting. Meridian's diagnostic tests are supported through rigorous validation standards, their staff is talented and resourceful, their reports are issued within 24 to 48 hours of sample receipt, and the Meridian Diagnostic's team of



experts are readily available for report interpretation or consultation.

Some of the highly demanded <u>services</u> offered at the lab include:

- Onychomycosis w/Antifungal Treatment Recommendations Molecular microbiology identifies dermatophytes, yeasts, and molds in nail specimens which can affect over 60% of elderly patients over the age of 70.
- UTI & Wound Care w/ Antibiotic Resistance Molecular microbiology identifies microorganisms including bacteria, fungi and viruses through DNA detection.
- **Toxicology** Customizable toxicology panels utilizing LC-MS/MS, for analytical quantification.
- Blood Panels Our ASCP-certified technicians provide reliable and consistent test analyses for healthcare clinics and hospitals with a specialized focus in chemistry, hematology, immunoassay, health and wellness.
- COVID & Respiratory Tests Meridian Diagnostics provides respiratory pathogen panels testing, COVID, and viral testing utilizing the organization's QuantStudio Real Time PCR & Solana Instruments.
- **PGx** Pharmacogenetics is the relationship between a patient's unique genetic makeup and their response to certain medications/prescribed drugs. Meridian looks at the drug-to-drug and drug-to-gene interactions in these specimens.

Residents in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, like assisted living homes, are more susceptible to the acquisition and spread of illnesses like UTIs, Onychomycosis (nail fungus) or influenza. The options for introduction are higher due to the close living arrangements, mobility issues, shared caregivers, and the multiple opportunities for visitors, staff members, and vendors to introduce illness into the facility.

Meridian Diagnostics' mission aims to help long-term care facilities ensure elderly patients receive proper healthcare services through accurate and trusted laboratory services. Meridian stands by their results because the lab understands that healthcare providers depend on them and how critical and unique each patient scenario may be.

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