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"The Department of Health
Works to Protect and
Improve the Health of the
People in Washington State"



PHL Responsibilities:

- ★ Aid in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of communicable, chronic, congenital and genetic diseases.
- ★ Assess the general health of the population.
- ★ Help safeguard a healthful environment.
- ★ Assure high quality work within the health and environmental laboratory community.



Public Health Laboratories



PUBLIC HEALTH
ALWAYS WORKING FOR A SAFER AND
HEALTHIER WASHINGTON



PHL Organization



The WA Public Health Laboratories

(PHL) are located approximately 10 miles north of downtown Seattle in the city of Shoreline, Washington. They are divided into four major offices, each of which report to the Laboratory Director who in turn reports to the Assistant Secretary for the Division of Epidemiology Health Statistics and Public Health Laboratories. These offices include:

Environmental Lab Sciences,
Newborn Screening,
Public Health Microbiology,
Administration

Primary users of the PHL include:

- Preventive medicine programs at the county, state and federal levels
- Hospitals, public health and medical laboratories seeking reference or consultation services.

WA State Department of Health

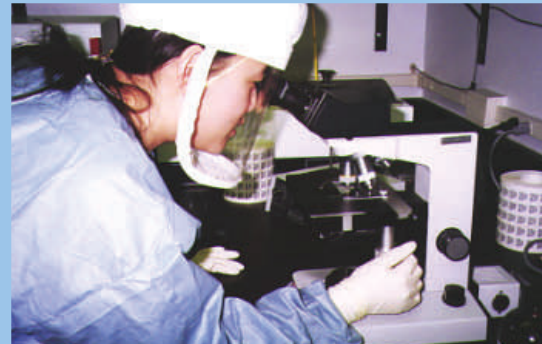
Assistant Secretary:

Jude Van Buren

Public Health Laboratories Director:

Romesh Gautam, Ph.D.

Providing Service to the State of Washington



- Laboratories desiring certification.
- Other agencies desiring public health laboratory services such as law enforcement agencies.
- Physicians seeking assistance in diagnosing rare or unusual diseases (botulism, rabies, diphtheria, etc.).
- Programs and agencies concerned with environmental problems.

Specialty Areas:

- ❖ Newborn Screening
- ❖ Food Poisoning
- ❖ Surveillance studies of etiologic agents in the areas of bacteriology, virology, serology and parasitology
- ❖ Radiation Chemistry
- ❖ Pesticide Residue Analysis
- ❖ General Environmental Chemistry
- ❖ Heavy Metal contamination
- ❖ Water Bacteriology
- ❖ Environmental Radiation Monitoring

Training, certification and consultation activities are also provided.



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