

Biographical Sketch – G. Anderson

Gary Anderson joined the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KSVDL) as director in 2005, after numerous years in private industry where he was involved in diagnostics and vaccine research and development. The first five years of his career were at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he had diagnostic and research responsibilities and was promoted to Associate Professor. He holds a BS in Microbiology from South Dakota State University, a DVM and MS (veterinary pathology) from Kansas State University, and a PhD in Comparative Pathology from the University of California-Davis. He also participated in an NIH-sponsored training program in anatomic pathology during his graduate studies in Davis.

Dr. Anderson is a professor in the Department of Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University. He has been a member of the AVMA and American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) throughout his career and served on the Executive Board as Vice-President, President-Elect and President (2010) of the AAVLD. Dr. Anderson has served numerous AAVLD and USAHA committees over the years and currently is co-chairing the joint Diagnostic Laboratory and Veterinarian Workforce Development Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. He has served on the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) Methods Technical Working Group since its inception and currently serves as co-director of the NAHLN Coordinating Council.

Priorities for Dr. Anderson have included strengthening the NAHLN, working toward the development of an adequate supply of well-trained veterinary diagnosticians for the future, and pressing the application and practice of One Health relevant to animal health. Diagnostic medicine provides a pivot point for so many of the critical issues in animal health: antimicrobial resistance, food safety and security, foreign animal disease (FAD) surveillance, and detection of high-consequence diseases (FAD, zoonotic and endemic). Diagnostics play a vital role in animal welfare where surveillance and quick turnaround yield information that enhances effective management of animal populations. Anderson is proud to be a member of the diagnostic medicine community, USAHA and AAVLD.