

Medical Technologist Named to New Position

The Nebraska Public Health Laboratory has named Anthony Sambol, MA, SV (ASCP), M (ASCP) to a new position as Public Health medical technologist responsible for diagnostic procedures related to public health surveillance efforts. Tony has many years previous experience as a hospital medical technologist involved in both bacteriology and virology. He has worked in the development of diagnostic procedures as well as in experimental methods for testing vaccines and microbiological reagents. In his new position

Tony will be responsible for development of tests for the identification of unusual organisms, including those that might be used in a bioterrorism attack or accidental spill. Preparation for this position has included intensive training sessions at the Centers for Disease Control and elsewhere, in addition to participation in the Association of Public Health Laboratories network. In addition, he has received training in high level safety precautions needed for working with classified or restricted biological agents. Because of his extensive background in diagnostic procedure development Tony has been recruited by the CDC to participate in the creation of protocols for identification of chlamydia organisms, and these will be published soon. We encourage technologists, pathologists or other individuals associated with public health to call Tony with questions related to identification or handling of unusual organisms or packages. If bench technologists or community pathologists encounter a situation where further discussion may be helpful, consultation services are available. Tony can be reached on a 24 hr basis by calling 402-559-3032. If Tony is not immediately available please contact Dr. Hinrichs through the university hospital operator at (402) 559-4000.

