

Dr. William G. Van Alstine, DVM, PhD, received his DVM from the University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1981. After working in a predominantly large animal practice in Minnesota, he attended Iowa State University and received a PhD in anatomic pathology in 1987. He was board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and joined the faculty of Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine and Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory that same year. Dr. Van Alstine retired as Professor of Veterinary Pathology (Emeritus) from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Purdue University in 2014 after 28 years at Purdue. During his tenure at Purdue University, he served as a diagnostic and research pathologist and helped teach/mentor over 100 pathology graduate students/residents and approximately 2000 veterinary students. His academic interests focused on animal models for large animal diseases, investigating and defining induced and naturally occurring toxic and infectious diseases of animals, and developing animal models for non-clinical human medical device testing. He has over 125 publications (scientific journals and book chapters). At Purdue, he held multiple administrative positions, including Head of Pathology in the ADDL and the Department of Comparative Pathobiology, Associate Director of the ADDL, and Chairman of the Purdue University Animal Care and Use Committee. After retiring from Purdue University, Dr. Van Alstine joined Cook Medical, a global medical device company, and served as Director of Veterinary Pathology until 2022.

Dr. Van Alstine has been a member of AAVLD for 42 years and has served on many/most administrative, program, and scientific committees. In 1997, he had the privilege to serve as President of the AAVLD. Over the past 42 years, he has been continually amazed at the progress of diagnostic medicine in the United States and equally amazed at how veterinary diagnostics worldwide are more advanced and increasingly more available in all parts of the world, including developing countries. That accomplishment is due in a very large part to the efforts of the AAVLD. He considers it a privilege to have been a part of this wonderful scientific group!

Since 2022, he has still occasionally provided pathology and regulatory support to medical device companies and interacts with the FDA and regulatory bodies around the world. More importantly, he enjoys traveling with his wife, Patti, to visit their 4 adult children and (currently) 13 grandchildren. He plans to complete the final leg of a multi-year section hike of the Appalachian Trail in 2026.