

INTRODUCING COMPATH – YOUR PARTNER IN RESEARCH FACILITY HEALTH MONITORING

SAHMRI announces the exciting name change of its diagnostic lab from the MVMS to ComPath

Building on the strong foundation of the MVMS, the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute's (SAHMRI) diagnostic laboratory has expanded over the past few years to better suit the needs of the biomedical research community. The laboratory's new name, ComPath, more accurately reflects the diverse range of services on offer.

SAHMRI's Executive Director, Professor Steve Wesselingh, says that the new name is a significant, logical and positive change.

"SAHMRI and ComPath remain committed to providing high quality research support through laboratory animal health monitoring and disease surveillance, and are dedicated to continually working to strengthen their services and presence in these areas.

"SAHMRI is committed to fostering high-impact biomedical research in Australia, and understands that health monitoring and disease surveillance programs of laboratory animal research facilities are critical," Professor Wesselingh said.

ComPath serves the research community with veterinary laboratory diagnostics, including serology, molecular diagnostics, bacteriology, parasitology and pathology and the ComPath team is dedicated to providing clients with unparalleled service standards.

SAHMRI is also committed to investment in research and training. As a result, there is no team better equipped to offer the advice and experience clients need. All ComPath staff are well trained in the field of laboratory animal science and diagnostic testing, giving customers the confidence needed in a health monitoring provider.

New ComPath service features

- **Online submission system** – ComPath will enable clients to better manage and organise their health monitoring programs with a new online submission system. Clients will have the flexibility to enter samples and select tests with a convenience that is unmatched by ComPath's competitors. Understanding the time pressures clients face, the system will also enable customers to access results on demand and receive reports in real-time once they are finalised in the laboratory.
- **New and improved tests** – ComPath strives to lead the way in laboratory animal health monitoring by providing new and improved tests. This year we are introducing the *Pneumocystis carinii* ELISA test into our rat serology panels, as well as expanding our

Parvovirus testing to include specific assays for Rat Parvovirus, Rat Minute Virus, Toolan's H-1 Virus and Kilham's Rat Virus.

- ***New Live Animal Panels*** – ComPath's new Live Animal Panels identify a comprehensive range of microorganisms (as recommended by FELASA) that encompass all the different test methodologies - serology, molecular diagnostics, bacteriology, parasitology and pathology, giving clients the best value health screen available. Faecal PCR Panels cover the most prevalent pathogens found in Australia and offer an alternative and less invasive sample collection to be achieved.
- ***Cell Line and Biological Material screens*** – These screens are also available and ComPath can work with clients on tailoring a package to suit individual needs.
- ***COMING SOON: Health monitoring package for Zebrafish*** – ComPath's newest exciting project.

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