

Table 2. The Unique Attributes of Laboratory Professionals.

Our specialty requires us to understand the scientific basis of all of human disease.

We must be lead adapters for advances in the medical science of diagnosis.

We must understand the impact of treatment and intervention on the entirety of the human condition, not just the disease being treated (owing to the impact of such treatments on the host).

To be effective consultants to providers, we must understand the impact of our test information on medical decision-making.

We live-and-breathe Quality and Safety.

We have sight lines to virtually every sector of health care.

We practice “system management” as a core expertise.

Our innovations can be rapidly promulgated throughout a health system and can be quickly emulated by other health systems (scalability and replicability).

Our innovations don't cost much, but can have great impact.

We have data streams on the entire population.

We see the diagnostic test data first.

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