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Dr. Netto received his medical degree from Damascus University before residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Baylor University Medical Center and fellowships in surgical pathology at the Washington University School of Medicine, and in urologic pathology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In 2005 he joined the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine faculty and served as Director of Surgical Pathology Molecular Diagnostics and Professor of Pathology, Urology and Oncology. He currently serves as Pathologist-in-Chief and Senior Scientist at the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Civitan International Research Center at UAB.

His research, focused on urologic and molecular diagnostic pathology, has helped characterize the incidence and role of *TMPRSS2-ERG* fusion and *PTEN* loss as a prognostic biomarker in prostate adenocarcinoma. Dr. Netto and collaborators are credited with the important discovery related to the high incidence of *TERT* gene promoter mutation in muscle invasive bladder cancer and upper tract urothelial carcinoma. The discovery led to the development of a novel, noninvasive urine-based genetic assay for early detection of bladder cancer that promises significant decrease in the need for repeated invasive and costly cystoscopy procedures.

Dr. Netto is associate editor of the *Virchow Archives European Journal of Pathology*, associate editor for translation and basic science for the journal *Urology* and the associate editor for the journals *Urology Case Report* and *Advances in Anatomic and Molecular Pathology*. He also serves on the editorial boards of the journals of *Human Pathology* and *Pathology*. He has authored or co-authored more than 350 articles and chapters, including four books in urologic pathology, and is the editor of a widely recognized textbook on genomics in pathology, *Genomic Applications in Pathology*, currently in its second edition.