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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

AMERIPATH, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

65-0642485
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

7289 Garden Road, Suite 200
Riviera Beach, Florida 33404
(561) 845-1850

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number of Principal Executive
Offices)

AmeriPath, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan
(Full Title of the Plan)

James C. New
Chief Executive Officer
AmeriPath, Inc.
7289 Garden Road, Suite 200
Riviera Beach, Florida 33404
(561) 845-1850

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code,
of agent for service)

Copies to:
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Alston & Bird LLP
One Atlantic Center
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Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3424
Telephone: (404) 881-7889

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (3)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price
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Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share (with attached Rights to purchase Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock) (1)	2,000,000	\$30.86	\$61,720,000
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- (1) Prior to the occurrence of certain events, the Rights will not be evidenced or traded separately from the Registrant's Common Stock. Accordingly, no separate fee is applicable.
- (2) This Registration Statement also covers any additional shares that may hereafter become issuable as a result of the adjustment and anti-dilution provisions of the registrant's 2001 Stock Option Plan.
- (3) The offering price for the shares covered by this Registration Statement is estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(h), based on the average of the high and low sales price of the Common Stock reported on the Nasdaq National Market on September 6, 2001.

PART II. INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and are deemed to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents:

- (1) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended on Form 10-K/A, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000.
- (2) The Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2001.
- (3) The Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2001.
- (4) The Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K dated March 6, 2001, April 6, 2001 and August 8, 2001.
- (5) All other reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), since December 31, 2000.
- (6) The description of Common Stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement filed under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.
- (7) The description of rights to purchase Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock contained in the Corporation's registration statement filed under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including all amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All other documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of

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filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated herein by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is, or is deemed to be, incorporated herein by reference modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement. Subject to the foregoing, all information appearing in this Registration Statement is qualified in its entirety by the information appearing in the documents incorporated by reference.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES. Not Applicable.

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ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL. Not Applicable.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Registrant has authority under Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law to indemnify its directors and officers to the extent provided for in such statute. The Registrant's Certificate of Incorporation provides that the Registrant shall indemnify its officers and directors to the fullest permitted by law. The Registrant's Certificate of Incorporation contains certain provisions permitted under the Delaware General Corporation Law relating to the liability of directors. These provisions eliminate a director's liability for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty, except in certain circumstances involving certain wrongful acts, such as (1) the breach of a director's duty of loyalty; (2) acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (3) willful or negligent violation of statutory provisions that prevent the unlawful payment of a dividend; or (4) any transaction in which an officer or director receives an improper personal benefit. At present, there is no pending litigation or other proceeding involving a director or officer of the Registrant as to which indemnification is being sought, nor is the Registrant aware of any threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification by any officer or director.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED. Not Applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS

The exhibits included as part of this Registration Statement are as follows:

Exhibit Number	Description
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5.1	Opinion of Alston & Bird LLP
23.1	Consent of Alston & Bird LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
23.2	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
23.3	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
24.1	Power of Attorney (contained on the signature pages of this Registration Statement)
99.1	AmeriPath, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan
99.2	Amendment Number 1 to the AmeriPath, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan

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ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities being offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the Registrant's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for

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indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action,

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suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Riviera Beach, State of Florida, on this 10th of September, 2001.

AMERIPATH, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ JAMES C. NEW

James C. New
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that each of the undersigned officers and directors of AmeriPath, Inc. (the "Company"), a Delaware corporation, for himself and not for one another, does hereby constitute and appoint James C. New and Gregory A. Marsh a true and lawful attorney in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign his name to any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, to this Registration Statement, and to sign a Registration Statement pursuant to Section 462(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, and to cause the same (together with all Exhibits thereto) to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys and either of them full power and authority to do and perform any act and thing necessary and proper to be done in the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned could do if personally present, and each of the undersigned for himself hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys or any one of them shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons, in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature -----	Capacity -----
/s/ JAMES C. NEW ----- James C. New	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)
/s/ GREGORY A. MARSH	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and

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----- Gregory A. Marsh	Secretary (principal financial and accounting officer)
/s/ BRIAN C. CARR ----- Brian C. Carr	Director
/s/ HAYWOOD D. COCHRANE, JR. ----- Haywood D. Cochrane, Jr.	Director
/s/ E. MARTIN GIBSON ----- E. Martin Gibson	Director
/s/ ALAN LEVIN, M.D. ----- Alan Levin, M.D.	Director
/s/ C. ARNOLD RENSCHLER, M.D. ----- C. Arnold Renschler, M.D.	Director
/s/ E. ROE STAMPS, IV ----- E. Roe Stamps, IV	Director

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