Crescent Isham is currently the Laboratory Supervisor for Cellular and Molecular Immunology Lab at Mayo Clinic and have been in this role for 2 years. Prior to that she was a Senior Developer that for 8 years served to develop new cellular function and flow cytometry tests by working with lab directors and management staff to bring novel and clinically robust tests to fruition. Prior to becoming a member of the clinical laboratory field, Crescent worked in cancer research for 13 years for laboratory directors Keith Bible, MD, PhD and Ke Shuai, PhD.

Crescent is also interested in advocating for rare patient diseases and how a diagnostic odyssey can be worthy of pursuit. She advocates for the capability of academic medical centers and government-funded research to play a critical role alongside the biopharma industry. Crescent also strives to learn leadership best practices from the many wonderful mentors and leaders she has worked alongside in the health and science fields so that she can also become a positive supporter for others to do their best, most satisfying work. She also enjoys quality and continuous improvement discussions that are necessary to clinical lab medicine as we cannot continue to sustain our mission without the staff and procedures to do so.

Crescent attended the annual AMLI meeting in August 2022 and presented a poster showcasing a novel dendritic cell and monocyte immunophenotyping test. She enjoyed participating in the close-knit conference of professionals in the field which left her feeling motivated and believes further participation with AMLI would be personally fulfilling, as well as an opportunity to share knowledge across the few similar laboratories for mutual benefit. Crescent also believes there is much to gain for allied health staff attendance at national conferences by having the opportunity to mix with scientists and medical professionals while also bringing a unique laboratory management perspective.