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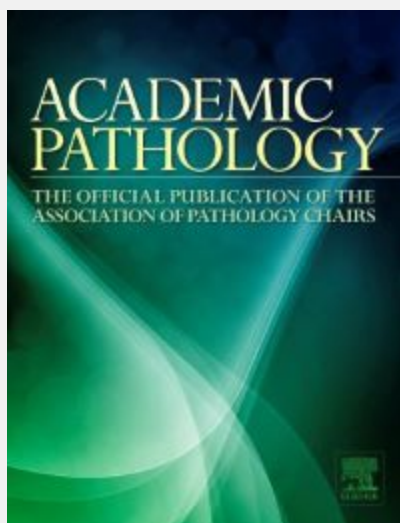


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FINAL DAYS TO REGISTER FOR AAPath 2024!



Last Chance to Book Your Hotel Room at the Group Discounted Rate!

The 57th Annual Meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, July 21-24, 2024. Join your colleagues at this once-yearly, highly anticipated opportunity to network with leaders in academic pathology. Arrive in time to reunite at the Meet-and-Greets (per Section) just prior to the **Welcome Reception on Sunday, July 21st** and then immerse yourself in educational topics over three days of programming – **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday** – capped off by the awards lunch. For those unable to attend in-person, a remote attendance option will be available. Remote attendees will be able to participate in the ballroom sessions, which will be broadcast via Zoom. As a reminder, the Annual Meeting is not only for Chairs and Section Members, but **open to ALL faculty and staff** who are interested in advancing the missions of academic pathology.

Program Information - Preliminary Program Now Available!

AAPath Section Councils and Committees are hard at work developing exceptional and

Only members in good standing have access to AAPath member resources, including the exclusive online member directory. AAPath's member list is always live and searchable. [Click here to search the directory today!](#)

Member Profile

Each AAPath Member has a profile that allows you to post information and even upload a photo to let others know who you are and what you do! Your member profile is searchable in the AAPath Member Directory. Update your information today by logging in to the AAPath website at www.apcprods.org!

Membership Updates

New Members should complete a New Member Inquiry Form found at: <https://www.apcprods.org/membership>

Need to remove a member from your roster? Please submit a [Member Removal Request](#).

Please contact the AAPath office at info@apcprods.org if you have any questions about AAPath Membership.

Student and Trainee Opportunities

AAPath is pleased to offer the following **FREE** resources and opportunities for students and trainees:

- [PSTP Program Listings](#)
- [PathElective](#)
- [Fellowship Application Resources](#)
- [Fellowship Open Houses and Unexpected Fellowship Openings](#)
- [S'67 Trainee Project Grants](#)
- [S'67 Open Access Award](#)
- [S'67 Kinney Scholars Program](#)
- [Student Educational Opportunities](#)
- [Residency Open Houses](#)

...and More!

Visit the [AAPath website](#) to learn more!

Professional Resources

AAPath is pleased to offer professional resources for members and interested faculty/staff. Click the links below to learn more about the spotlighted professional resources and visit the AAPath website to learn more about what AAPath has to offer!

- [Benchmarking Portal](#)
- [PSTP Recruitment Tips](#)

timely educational content for the 2024 Annual Meeting. **New preliminary program details are now posted on the AAPath website at:** <https://www.apcprods.org/apc2024>

Hotel and Travel Information – **RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY!**

AAPath is pleased to offer hotel accommodations at a discounted rate if you reserve your room at the Omni Shoreham Hotel through our unique reservation link **by TODAY, June 28th!** For more information and reservation details, visit the AAPath website at: <https://www.apcprods.org/APC2024-Travel>

Remote Attendance Option

Members and faculty/staff of Member Departments are encouraged to participate in this annual professional opportunity. If you are unable to join us in-person, please consider registering for our remote attendance option. You will have access to most live programming and all recordings of the broadcast sessions post-meeting, plus the opportunity to earn CME credits! [Click here to learn more about this extraordinary professional development opportunity and register today!](#)

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THANK YOU TO THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING EXHIBITORS



AAPath is excited to welcome back LIVE exhibits to the 2024 Annual Meeting in the Ambassador Ballroom where all food is served, and social engagement and networking happens. AAPath thanks the following exhibitors for their support in 2024!

We look forward to seeing the returning and new exhibitors in the SOLD-OUT exhibit hall! As in past years, in-person attendees will receive an Exhibit Prize Card to collect stickers from exhibitors they visit. NEW this year: the first 50 attendees who visit the required exhibits will instantly receive a \$25 Amazon gift card. Others will be entered for a chance to win a \$250 Amazon gift card! Be sure to [register for the Annual Meeting](#) and join us in Washington, DC!

Find the latest exhibitor information on the AAPath website at: <https://www.apcprods.org/APC2024-Exhibits>

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ANNOUNCING 2024-2025 AAPath MEMBER SECTION COUNCILS

AAPath 2024 Election Outcomes

The AAPath Nominating Committee, chaired by Past President Dani Zander, MD, recently facilitated elections for open positions on AAPath Council: President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, two Councilors-at-Large, GME Committee Chair, and LD&D Committee Chair. Congratulations to the elected candidates!

President-Elect
Jennifer Baccon, MD, PhD

- [Medical Educator Toolbox](#)
- [Program Directors' Toolbox](#)
- [Pathology Competencies for Medical Education](#)
- [AAPath Statements & Reports](#)
- [AAPath Career Center \(Job Board\)](#)

...and More!

Visit the [AAPath website](#) to learn more!

Get Involved - Join a Committee and Appoint Faculty to Affinity Groups

Committees

Active Chair discussion on issues of common interest occurs primarily through [AAPath's committee activities](#). All Chairs are invited to participate in any of AAPath's committees (listed below). If you are a Chair who is interested in joining one of the committees listed below, please submit your written request to the AAPath office at info@apcprods.org

- [Advocacy](#)
- [Graduate Medical Education](#)
- [Undergraduate Medical Education](#)
- [Leadership Development & Diversity](#)
- [Practice & Management](#)
- [Research](#)

Affinity Groups

AAPath Committees have established affinity groups to address important needs relevant to academic pathology departments. Chairs can appoint faculty leaders to join the groups listed below. More information and appointment processes can be found by clicking the links below.

- [Clinical Service Leaders](#)
- [DEI Faculty Leaders Network](#)
- [Directors of Post-Sophomore Fellowships](#)
- [PhD Program Leaders](#)
- [Vice Chairs of Education](#)

2024 Advocacy Priorities

In cooperation with AAPath's Advocacy Committee, which consists of representatives from the Graduate Medical Education, Practice & Management, Research, and Undergraduate Medical Education Committees, AAPath Council issued their [2024 Advocacy Priorities](#).

To learn more about AAPath's advocacy efforts and collaborations to address the most pressing needs of academic pathology, visit: <https://www.apcprods.org/statements>.

Free Virtual Events for Members



Secretary-Treasurer
Michael Feldman, MD, PhD



Councilor-at-Large
Geoffrey Baird, MD, PhD



Councilor-at-Large
Sarah Dry, MD

Learn more about upcoming events and access past event recordings by visiting the AAPath website at:
<https://www.apcprods.org/virtual-events>

Job Postings

Do you have a job opening at your institution?

Members can share openings with their [section listserv](#) network for *free* as a member benefit. Job openings can also be posted directly to the **AAPath Career Center (Job Board)**, which has broad national visibility.

Post or Search for Jobs
at: <https://careers.apcprods.org/>

Listserv Networks

Guidelines: Members are expected to abide by the [AAPath \(APC\) listserv policies](#). For more information on AAPath's listservs, visit the AAPath website at: <https://www.apcprods.org/m-lists>

Best Practice: When sending messages to the listserv, please be sure to include a **short signature line with at least your name, role, institution, and email address** so that other members can reach you directly if needed.

Archives: To view the archive of listserv messages, [log in to your member profile](#) and access the E-lists under My Features.

Monthly e-News Archive

Find all previous issues of AAPath's Monthly e-News at:
<https://www.apcprods.org/e-news>



GME Committee Chair
Eyas Hattab, MD, MBA



LD&D Committee Chair
Aryn Rojiani, MD, PhD



AAPath is fortunate to have diverse, talented and thoughtful volunteer leadership. AAPath Council encourages all Chair members to consider pathways to Council election by serving on AAPath's Committees. For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact info@apcprods.org.

2024-2025 Member Section Councils

Member Section activities are driven by volunteer leadership that work hard throughout the year to advocate for members and plan professional development opportunities such as the Annual Meeting programming. Click the links below to learn more about each Member Section's Council:

- [AAPath Council](#)
- [PRODS Council](#)
- [UMEDS Council](#)
- [APEX Council](#)
- [GMEAS Council](#)

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2023 EDITION OF *PATHS TO PROGRESS* NOW AVAILABLE

The [2023 Edition of the AAPath \(formerly APC\) Annual Newsletter, *Paths to Progress*](#), is now available! Reflect on the Association's accomplishments in 2023 through committee reports, section updates, and other workgroup reports in the latest edition of the annual report – *Paths to Progress*. A printed copy will be available for in-person attendees at the 2024 AAPath Annual Meeting!



Find the 2023 Edition and previous issues of *Paths to Progress* on the AAPath website at: <https://www.apcprods.org/paths-to-progress>

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AAPath ADVOCACY ACTIONS UPDATE

From the desk of AAPath's Deputy Director, [Lydia P. Howell, MD](#)

Advocacy activities are going strong – the Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath) is continuing to monitor important issues and make our voice heard so that we can optimally deliver excellence in our tripartite mission.

A new opportunity for advocacy is through the Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC's) Council on Faculty and Academic Societies (CFAS) Advocacy Committee. CFAS is interested in being more bi-directional to get feedback and participation. I attended the first meeting of the committee in mid-June and enjoyed contributing to a lively discussion. Here are some highlights:

- **State-level advocacy is a major area of interest for the AAMC:**

- States' laws and policies are impacting where physicians want to practice, creating concerns for AAMC and other CFAS-participating societies. Many hot-button issues, such as DEI activities at universities, women's health, gender-affirming care, workforce and others, are being addressed within the jurisdiction of states rather than on the Federal level where AAMC has influence.
- AAMC wants to support members to navigate and advocate with state legislatures. They emphasized that physicians advocating on the local/state level are seen as part of the community and can be most influential. If you are interested in expanding your advocacy skills, opportunities include:
 - How to leverage state advocacy will be discussed at AAMC's annual meeting, *Learn Serve Lead*, in November 2024.
 - A CFAS-hosted webinar in January 2025 will share best practices for advocacy.
 - Coincidentally, advocacy fundamentals are featured in the Advocacy Session on Wednesday, July 24th at the 2024 AAPath Annual Meeting! [Please attend](#) and learn how you can use your skills to influence decisions on the state level.
- **Federal activity focused on DEI, including the EDUCATE Act, has raised concern about adversely influencing state decisions:** EDUCATE was introduced in the Senate and House and would prohibit a university from receiving Federal funds, if it has a DEI office or formal programs. Though not expected to be enacted, the bill provides a loud platform that many perceive as "scary" since it could influence policies enacted on the state level. AAMC is messaging the importance of DEI to achieve the missions of academic medicine, and notes that it is dangerous for legislators to be deciding what students are learning or not learning.
- **The Federal fiscal spending bill signed in the Spring is viewed as a success, despite no increases to research and public health, since Congress rejected cuts:**
 - Congress also provided extensions to Medicare disproportionate share hospitals, teaching health graduate education program, among others. Importantly, these were all extended without cuts to outpatient payments.
 - For the next budget, cuts to all the programs above will be considered again, since defense spending, homeland security, and veterans' affairs have priority. Congress is also tying Federal funding to their concerns regarding anti-Semitism at colleges. Decisions will most likely be postponed until after the election.
 - Expect to see requests for ideas for NIH modernization, including major structural changes like consolidating institutes, and programs promoting diversity and early career investigators.

Lastly – don't forget to attend AAPath's ***NEW FDA-LDT webinar series*** to support our members' compliance efforts. Heather Pierce, JD, MPH, AAMC's Acting Chief Scientific Officer and Senior Director of Science Policy & Regulatory Counsel, gave an excellent kick-off webinar on June 20th in which her final take-home message was *do not assume that an external force (like pending lawsuits by others) will halt implementation*. She recommended reviewing your LDT test menu, consulting experts, and assembling the right team to get started on this major change. You can access her entire presentation on the [Past Virtual Events page](#) of the AAPath website.

Our next FDA-LDT webinar will be on August 15th at 1 pm ET, featuring Omai Garner from UCLA and Matija Scuderl from NYU, who will share their experiences in "Navigating the FDA Approval Process: Successes and Pitfalls from Complex NGS and MPX testing." *Save the date and keep an eye out for registration details!*

Hope to see you in July at [the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC!](#)

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MEMBER RECOGNITION

AAPath seeks to highlight major member accomplishments in this Member Recognition section of the e-News, where we spotlight special announcements, such as advancement to national leadership positions, inductions into national academies, national and international awards, national press coverage, Chair retirements, new Chair appointments, and more! **If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please contact the AAPath Office at info@apcprods.org to let us know!**

Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University Chair Updates

Ravindra Kolhe, MD, PhD, has been appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, effective June 1, 2024, following his service as Interim Chair since July 2022. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.



Ravindra Kolhe, MD, PhD

Tufts University School of Medicine Chair Changes

J. Ryan Peña, MD, PhD, has been appointed Interim Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine, effective May 6, 2024, following Ming Zhou, MD, PhD who served as Department Chair since June 2019.



J. Ryan Peña, MD, PhD



Ming Zhou, MD, PhD

You can find other listings of ongoing Chair searches on the AAPath website at:
<https://www.apcprods.org/ongoing-searches>

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VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR MEMBERS

NEW! - Past Event Recordings

- **Becoming More Effective Educators by Using Large Language Models**
(Presented by AAPath's Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators with Guest Speaker Dr. Matthew Cecchini)
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 | Duration 1.25 hours
This event was open to all members, but is especially relevant for Chairs, PRODS, & UMEDS Section members. The event begins with an introduction to the types of generative pre-trained transformers (or GPTs) currently available, and the value and shortcomings of the technology and resources supporting them, followed by demonstrated examples of using GPTs effectively and ethically to write multiple choice questions, to grade open text answers, to roleplay with learners, and to write letters of reference. *Sponsored by the Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators.* The event concludes with audience questions and answers with the panel. [Click here](#) to access the members-only webpage to view and listen to the recording.
- **Countdown to Compliance: What You Need to Know about the FDA's New Rule**
Thursday, June 20, 2024 | Duration: 1 hour
AAPath is pleased to present a series of educational webinars – FREE to AAPath members – that will prepare you for implementation of FDA's final rule regarding regulation of laboratory-developed tests (LDTs) as medical devices. AAPath is committed to supporting your implementation efforts to meet the requirements of this major regulatory change, recognizing that efforts continue in many quarters to overturn this rule. This first event was held on June 20, 2024, and featured Heather Pierce, JD, MPH, AAMC's Acting Chief Scientific Officer and Senior Director of Science Policy & Regulatory Counsel. [Click here](#) to access the members-only webpage to view and listen to the recording.

Upcoming Events - Save the Dates!

Additional webinars in this series will be scheduled monthly, starting in August, featuring case examples of FDA submissions by academic lab leaders, including what qualifies as an LDT or modification that requires FDA review and how to prepare for prospective clinical studies, plus a review of the New York State regulatory process and conditions for considering it as an alternative pathway.

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Stay tuned for additional information!

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WHAT'S NEW IN ACADEMIC PATHOLOGY

Academic Pathology is AAPath's fully open-access, PubMed-indexed, peer-reviewed journal and part of the world-class collection of journals and pathology resources published by Elsevier, with visibility to a global audience of academic leaders through Science Direct and Clinical Key. *Academic Pathology* reached another major milestone by receiving its first journal impact factor in June 2023 – one more reason to [submit your manuscript](#) to AAPath's official journal!

This just in – Academic Pathology's 2023 impact factor increased to 1.2 (from 1.0 in 2022) and ranked 64 of 88 journals in the Pathology category!

Recently Published Articles

ChatGPT's ability or prompt quality: what determines the success of generating multiple-choice questions, Y. S. Kiyak, MD, PhD. Letter to the Editor First Published May 21, 2024: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2024.100119>

Author's response: What determines the success of generating multiple-choice questions, D. Remick, MD. Letter to the Editor First Published May 21, 2024: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2024.100120>

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Educational Cases

Academic Pathology now has over 170 **Educational Cases** published in association with the **Pathology Competencies for Medical Education (PCME)**, which are organized as [collections](#) in three competency areas – disease mechanisms and processes, organ system pathology, and diagnostic medicine and therapeutic pathology. The PCME were created by pathology chairs and course directors to serve as a national standard identifying the core content for teaching pathology in these basic competencies. Each competency includes learning goals and objectives to assess the acquisition, integration and application of knowledge to demonstrate the development of competency. [Click here to learn more about how to prepare an Educational Case and see an index of cases that are ready to use in medical education](#)

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EXPERIMENTAL PATHOLOGY PHD PROGRAM LISTINGS

...and Other Opportunities for Students in Pathology!

NEW RESOURCE!

The AAPath Research Committee has created a central listing of Experimental Pathology PhD programs as a means of facilitating marketing, networking, and collaboration for

programs. This dynamic listing is now live and ready for your program's information! This list is intended for stand-alone (e.g., degree-granting) PhD programs run by your departments rather than gateway-type PhD programs that your individual faculty may also participate in. Entering the requested information should not take long, and we strongly encourage your program's participation! To post your program's information, complete the short Google Form posted on the AAPath website at:
<https://www.apcprods.org/experimentalpathologyprograms>.

For those with institutional Google restrictions, alternative posting instructions are listed on the same webpage.

Other Opportunities for Students in Pathology

As a reminder, the AAPath website has other listings and opportunities for students in pathology! The listings are intended to be a central resource for medical students and residents to locate enrichment opportunities in pathology.

These resources rely on member updates and postings for the latest opportunities for students, so ***post or update your program information today!*** Learn more by visiting the AAPath website at: <https://www.apcprods.org/opportunities>

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