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### AAPath E-News: July 2024

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#### AAPath 2024 Annual Meeting

**Now Available: Session Recordings, CME Claim Period, and Event Photos!**

**THANK YOU** to the nearly 110 speakers and moderators, a record-setting 522 registrants (433 in-person and 89 remote), 22 exhibiting companies, and volunteer leadership who made the AAPath 2024 Annual Meeting such a robust and successful educational and networking event! Registrants should be on the lookout for Section-specific meeting evaluation surveys to provide feedback and topic ideas for next year! We look forward to seeing you at the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting, July 27-30, 2025, at the Hilton Denver City Center in Denver, Colorado!

Recordings from the event are **NOW AVAILABLE** on the [AAPath website](#) (login required). Please refer to the [AAPath 2024 Program Guide](#) for session details. Additional CME details are below.

#### Abstracts published in *Academic Pathology*!

Thanks to the abstract authors who presented their work as posters during the AAPath 2024 Annual Meeting. Visit each abstract published as a supplement in the current edition of *Academic Pathology*: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/academic-pathology/vol/11/issue/2/suppl/S>

#### Event photos are now available!

Visit this [AAPath Dropbox link](#) to enjoy some captured moments in Washington, DC! Images from our official photographer are permitted to be used to promote the event in press releases, on social media, and on websites (tag #AAPath2024 and @AAPath). *Commercial use is not permitted. For specific permissions to re-use an image, please contact: [info@academicpathology.org](mailto:info@academicpathology.org).*

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](http://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](mailto: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](#)

## Post-Meeting Registration

If you missed registering for the AAPath 2024 Annual Meeting, you still have a chance to access the material and earn CME credit! Post-meeting registration is now available! Receive on-demand access to meeting session recordings on the AAPath website by registering today. CME is included with registration, but claims must be submitted no later than September 30, 2024. Learn more and register today at:

<https://www.apcprods.org/apc2024>

## Claim Your CME Credits

For meeting registrants who wish to claim CME credit for participating in the AAPath Annual Meeting, AAPath is pleased to offer Continuing Medical Education credits for a subset of the educational content presented at the AAPath 2024 Annual Meeting. *CME is included in the registration fee.* By attending the programmed sessions and viewing the recordings of the concurrent sessions after the conference week, you can claim a maximum of **44.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Track your learning using the **CME Tracker** and then submit your responses through the online form ([available here](#)) now through **September 30, 2024**. Certificates will be emailed by the AAPath Office within 4-6 weeks of submitting your claims. For additional CME information and disclosures, please visit the AAPath website at: <https://www.apcprods.org/APC2024-CME>

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## THANK YOU TO THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING EXHIBITORS



AAPath thanks the above exhibitors for their support in 2024! To learn more about the 2024 exhibitors, visit the AAPath website at: <https://www.apcprods.org/APC2024-Exhibits>

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## VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR MEMBERS

### Register for Upcoming FDA-LDT Webinars!

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.

The 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.

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.

**Our next FDA-LDT webinar will be on August 15 at 1 pm ET:** Omai Garner from UCLA and Matija Scuderl from NYU will share their experiences in "Navigating the FDA Approval

- [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](mailto: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

Process: Successes and Pitfalls from Complex NGS and MPX Testing." [Register TODAY!](#)

*Stay tuned for additional information!*

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

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## ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS SEEKS INPUT

The Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators is developing an educational seminar series entitled: "Fundamentals of Curriculum, Education, and Scholarly Work." The Academy is seeking perspectives from Chairs, PRODS, and UMEDS members as educators to help optimally focus the content and delivery of the seminar series. Please complete the survey no later than Wednesday, August 7th to help gauge the needs of members in this area of interest. Thank you for your response!

Academy Educational Seminar Series Survey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ADPENeedsAssessmentSurvey>

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## AAPath ADVOCACY ACTIONS UPDATE

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

It was wonderful to see so many AAPath members at the annual meeting in Washington DC in July – and especially gratifying to see such an excellent turnout for the Advocacy session on Thursday, July 24, 2024. We greatly appreciate our speakers who provided useful insights on how we can all better advocate for the interests of academic pathology:

Jennifer Lieb from Innovative Policy Solutions who spoke on “How Bills Are Made, How Rules are Finalized”; Renee Cruea from Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research who spoke on “How Coalitions Can Be Developed and Used Effectively”, and Ally Perleoni from Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) who spoke on “Working with Your Institutional Government Relations Representatives”. If you missed these sessions and want to learn more – or if you want to refresh on what you’ve heard, the recorded sessions are available online to registrants through the [AAPath 2024 website](#).

AAPath's efforts in partnership with other laboratory groups to address ongoing concerns related to FDA's regulation of laboratory-developed tests (LDTs) are making an impact. In July, the House Appropriations Committee recommended that the FDA suspend implementation of its final rule regulating LDTs since this is seen as “greatly altering the United States' laboratory testing infrastructure and reducing patient access to information that informs their healthcare decision making”. This follows a lawsuit filed by the American Clinical Laboratory Association (ACLA) in June opposing implementation of the FDA's final rule. ACLA prefers a legislative approach to regulation with collaboration between the laboratory industry, legislators and other stakeholders. We are also following with interest recent leadership changes at the FDA and how this may influence next steps for LDTs. The FDA's long-standing medical devices director and a champion for regulation of LDTs, Jeffrey Shuren, announced in June that he was stepping down from his role; a replacement has not yet been announced. AAPath continues to meet regularly with other clinical laboratory partners to work together toward appropriate and effective responses and solutions to LDT regulation.

Despite these challenges, the FDA's final rule and implementation plan is still a requirement; they have not announced a suspension or changes to their rule. Until a change is announced, AAPath is committed to helping you navigate this regulatory transition. Our series of webinars launched in June with an excellent and well-attended presentation by Heather Pierce, AAMC's Acting Chief Scientific Officer. Our next webinar is scheduled for

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<https://www.apcprods.org/virtual-events>

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## 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/>

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## 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.

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## Monthly e-News Archive

Find all previous issues of AAPath's Monthly e-News at:

<https://www.apcprods.org/e-news>

August 15 at 1 pm ET and will feature UCLA's Omai Garner and NYU/Langone's Matija Snuderl who will share their experiences "Navigating the FDA Approval Process: Successes and Pitfalls from Complex NGS and MPX Testing." [Register TODAY](#) to receive a calendar appointment with Zoom access instructions to join the webinar. Stay tuned for other updates on advocacy activities.

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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@academicpathology.org](mailto:info@academicpathology.org) to let us know!**

### The Ohio State University College of Medicine Chair Changes

Anil Parwani, MD, PhD, MBA, has been appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, effective July 1, 2024, following Wendy L. Frankel, MD, who served as Department Chair since 2015.



Anil Parwani, MD, PhD, MBA



Wendy L. Frankel, MD

The University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson Chair Changes

Lisa Rimsza, MD, has been appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson, effective July 1, 2024, following Achyut Bhattacharyya, MD, who served as Department Chair since 2010.



**Lisa Rimsza, MD**



**Achyut Bhattacharyya, MD**

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

#### **Other Membership News**

Congratulations to Aryn Rojiani, MD, PhD, CPE, Chair and Professor of Pathology at the Penn State College of Medicine, who is the first pathologist to receive the Distinguished Fellowship designation from the American Association for Physician Leadership (AAPL). This distinction is awarded to physicians who have obtained the Certified Physician Executive credential and have demonstrated substantial contributions to the field of physician leadership on a regional and national level. The AAPL Fellowship is the most prestigious professional designation in the physician leadership community indicating that the individual has attained the highest level of leadership excellence and a continued commitment to the organization and the field of physician leadership. Dr. Rojiani serves as the Chair of AAPath's Leadership Development & Diversity Committee, and directs AAPath's Pathology Leadership Fellowship program.



Aryn Rojani, MD, PhD

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## SUBMIT OPPORTUNITIES AND INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAMS!

### Pathology National Interview Offer Release Date

PRODS Council recommends programs to release residency program interview offers no earlier than October 18th, 2024.

- As a resource for applicants and advisors, Program Directors are requested to complete their participation or not on the form linked at: [www.apcprods.org/residency-resources](http://www.apcprods.org/residency-resources). Only one response per program is needed, unless the program has multiple tracks that will participate differently.
- Program Directors should also update their residency program's status in the ERAS Program Management System
- Program Directors should update their residency program website or other recruitment materials to indicate if they are participating in this unified interview offer release date.

### Experimental Pathology PhD Programs

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 in which your individual faculty may also participate. 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>.

### 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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## SOCIETY OF '67 TRAINEE PROJECT GRANTS

The Society of '67 will be accepting letters of intent for the Trainee Project Grants program starting in late August through October 1, 2024. This program funds innovative projects that are relevant to health services research or education, including but not limited to healthcare quality, costs, and/or access related to pathology services. Two categories of grants will be considered: Research or Education. Funding is up to \$5,000 for one (calendar) year.

- **Research Project Grants:** To investigate a question and/or to develop a technology in pathology/lab medicine services that improves healthcare quality, cost, or access.
- **Education Project Grants:** To develop an educational program or offering in pathology/lab medicine services focused on improving healthcare quality, cost, or access.

Eligible applicants must be either:

- A medical student at an AAPath member institution;
- A resident in an ACGME accredited pathology residency program at an APC member institution; or
- A fellow in a pathology subspecialty program or a postdoctoral certification program at an AAPath member institution.

Applicants must have:

1. A faculty sponsor/advisor who is a full-time faculty member in the Pathology Department (AAPath member department) at their institution.
2. If invited to submit a full proposal, a letter of sponsorship/recommendation from the Chair of the Pathology Department (for medical students) or Program Director of the pathology training program (for residents/fellows) at their institution.

Visit: [www.apcprods.org/societyof67-grant-trainee](http://www.apcprods.org/societyof67-grant-trainee) for important deadlines, program information, past grant recipients with their proposed projects from past years, and how to apply in the two-phase process. The Letter of Intent application period will open by late August 2024 through October 1, 2024.

**Questions?** Contact: [awards@academicpathology.org](mailto:awards@academicpathology.org)

*Programs of the Society of '67 are made possible by the generosity of donors. Learn more about the Society of '67, named for AAPath's founding year in 1967, by visiting: [www.apcprods.org/societyof67](http://www.apcprods.org/societyof67).*

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