



Association for Academic Pathology

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AAPath 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

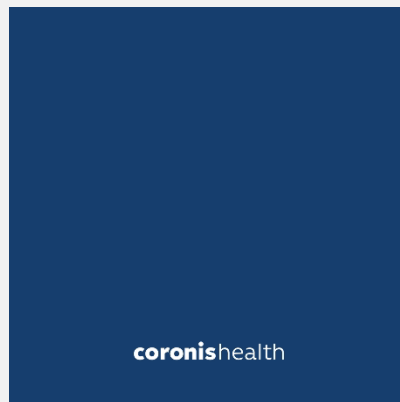


Now Available: CME Claim Period and Session Recordings

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

If you did not register for the AAPath 2024 Annual Meeting, register today for on-demand access to the high quality, relevant, and timely content on cross-cutting topics, such as:

- The critical role of academic pathologists on the health care team to improve patient care
- Innovating the research infrastructure
- Perspectives on resident unionization efforts from GME leaders
- Fostering an inclusive workforce by understanding neurodiversity
- Integrating pathology into the pre-clinical curriculum and the clinical clerkship years
- Considerations for investing in digital pathology
- Strategies for using ERAS and signaling tokens for recruitment



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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*](#)

- Progress towards competency based medical education and assessments in residency programs
- The fundamentals of advocacy, locally and nationally
- Artificial intelligence in pathology education

Receive on-demand access to meeting session recordings by registering 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 and/or viewing the recordings of the concurrent sessions through September 30th, 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>

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 next year at the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting, July 27-30, 2025, at the Hilton Denver City Center in Denver, Colorado!

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CONSOLIDATED REGIONAL MEETING 2025



Pathology Chairs & Administrators 2025 Consolidated Regional Meeting

Terranea Resort – Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Registration Open – Act Now!
www.apcprods.org/m-regional-meetings

For Department Chairs and Administrators (APEX) Members only.

Department Chairs and Administrators are invited to attend the first-ever **AAPath Consolidated Regional Meeting** on **January 17-20, 2025** for a weekend of activities, networking and discussion of timely topics in the beautiful surroundings of Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Registration is now open and will be limited to the first 100 registrants. Registration includes the option to submit topics and facilitate discussion in break-out sessions. Join us to continue the tradition of intimate regional meetings in an exciting new format and venue!

[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!

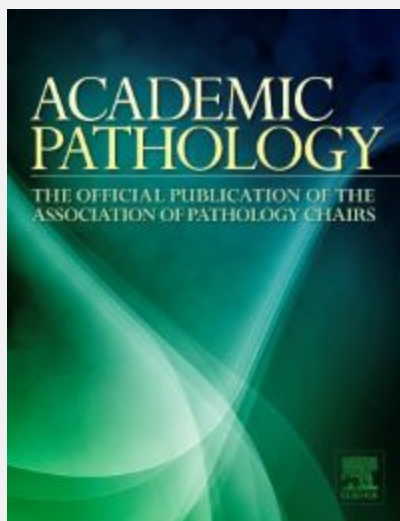


Find the 2023 Edition and previous issues of *Paths to Progress* on the AAPath website at: <https://www.apcprods.org/paths-to-progress>

Academic Pathology

[Academic Pathology](#) is AAPath's fully open-access, PubMed-indexed, peer-reviewed journal published by Elsevier available on Science Direct and Clinical Key. [Submit a manuscript](#) and gain international recognition for your advances in pathology education, administration or practice.

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ANNOUNCING A NEW RESEARCH ACADEMY

The AAPath Research Committee invites early career clinical and research faculty to register for the new AAPath Research Academy. This year-long program will feature a series of 10 online 1-hour recorded lectures focused on topics, such as developing a research program, identifying a mentor, expanding skill sets, and review of novel career tracks for clinical researchers. Lectures produced in four modules will be available to review on your own time. Four Q&A online sessions with the module speakers will be scheduled throughout the academic year. Certificates of completion will be awarded upon review of all modules and attendance at the four Q&A sessions. This program is FREE and unlimited for faculty of AAPath Member Departments, but requires participation approval from the Chair. We look forward to seeing you at the Research Academy! More information is available at: www.apcprods.org/research-academy – Enrollment will launch in September!

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SOCIETY OF '67 GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRAINEES

The Society of '67 is accepting letters of intent for the Trainee Project Grants program now 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 AAPath 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.

Encourage your trainees to visit: 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.

Questions? Contact: awards@apcprods.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.

Member Directory

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@academicpathology.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!

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AAPath ADVOCACY ACTIONS UPDATE

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

FDA regulation of lab developed tests (LDTs) continues to be AAPath's biggest advocacy issue. Though Congress has been in recess for the month of August, AAPath is closely following many efforts, including a recent [lawsuit](#) filed by the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) on August 19, 2024, which includes AAPath's Past President, Michael Laposata, Chair of Pathology at University of Texas Medical Branch, as a co-plaintiff. AAPath's Clinical Service Leaders Committee Chair, Karen Kaul, Chair of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine at NorthShore University HealthSystem, provided a [declaration](#) supporting the lawsuit. AMP is the second organization to challenge the FDA's new rule with a lawsuit, following one filed by ACLA in June. AAPath is supportive of these legal challenges and is in discussions with AMP, CAP and other partners to determine how we may further their efforts.

Since the requirements of the new FDA rule still stand, AAPath is supporting our members in achieving compliance through a webinar series led by your academic pathology peers, who share their experiences with pursuing FDA approval of LDTs. In August, an attentive crowd of almost 50 members joined the virtual event, featuring Matija Snuderl's excellent presentation on NYU-Langone's successful FDA approval process for their 600+ oncology gene panel. AAPath members can access Dr. Snuderl's presentation, which includes many tips and pitfalls, by visiting the past virtual events webpage at: www.apcprods.org/past-virtual-events.

The next webinar in this series for AAPath members only will be held on **September 26, 2024**. The topic is "**Best Case and Worst Case Scenarios: Practical Approaches to the FDA's LDT Final Rule**" and will be led by Nam Tran, PhD, and David Unold, MD, from the University of California, Davis. Be sure to [register at this link](#) to receive a calendar appointment with Zoom access instructions to enter the webinar.

Advocacy issues we are keeping an eye on when Congress returns in the Fall:

- Policies that undermine research: The FY 2025 House Labor-HHS appropriations bill (H.R.9209) and FY 2025 House National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA, H.R. 8070) prohibit funding for gain-of-function research, along with other proposals that would arbitrarily impede medical research.
- The Embracing anti-Discrimination, Unbiased Curricula and Advancing Truth in Education (EDUCATE) Act (S. 4115, H.R. 7725) aims to prohibit federal funding to medical schools that have certain activities related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and accrediting institutions.

We wish all AAPath members a rejuvenating end to your Summer – get ready for more advocacy action when Fall begins – we will need your support!

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MEMBER RECOGNITION

AAPath's Entrustable Professional Activities (EPA) Co-Chairs Receive Grant from the American Medical Association (AMA)

On August 2, 2024, EPA Working Group Co-Chairs Bronwyn Byant (University of Vermont) and Cindy McCloskey (University of Oklahoma) were honored to receive a [2024 ChangeMedEd Initiative Innovation Grant](#) from the AMA. This highly competitive grant was awarded to integrate coaching principles into the EPAs and related tools developed by the working group, as a pilot for broader implementation. AMA sought projects that address the effectiveness of coaching through rigorous evaluation methodologies, and promote scalability and dissemination of coaching programs. In addition to receiving

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

and grant recipients join the AMA ChangeMedEd Consortium, which is committed to developing, implementing and disseminating **bold, innovative projects that promote systemic change to better train future physicians.**

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 to let us know!

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VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR MEMBERS

- September 26th, 1:00-2:00pm ET: **Best-Case and Worst-Case Scenarios: Practical Approaches to the FDA's LDT Final Rule.** Speakers: David Unold, MD and Nam Tran, PhD (UC Davis). Register Today!
- October 17th, 1:00-2:00pm ET: **Understanding the New York State CLEP Exemption to FDA's Final Rule for LDTs.** Speakers: Speakers: Priya Velu, MD, PhD (Weill Cornell) and George Vlad, PhD (Columbia University). Register Today!
- October 24th, 3:30-4:30pm ET: Save the Date! **APEX Brown Bag for APEX Members** – Featuring a demonstration and discussion about AAPath's compensation benchmarking site. [Registration coming soon!](#)

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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COMPENSATION BENCHMARK DATA NOW AVAILABLE

Final data from the 2023 Academic Pathology Faculty and Administrators Compensation Benchmarking study is now available to participating departments. Starting with 2022 data (collected last year), these annual compensation studies by AAPath are designed to **confidentially collect data** and transform into a member-interrogated reporting system, when the collection period is closed.

Rather than reporting data once as a static presentation at annual meetings or other venues, **benchmarking data is now available to eligible participating departments throughout the year.** Results are sortable by a variety of self-selected metrics, such as region or system demographics. AAPath expects this survey platform to provide true added value to members as you seek useful comparative national data to assist in recruitment, retention, and discussions with institutional leadership.

Access instructions to the online survey site are provided to Chairs and APEX members. For more information, visit www.apcprods.org/benchmarking. APEX Members should save the date and [register](#) for an upcoming virtual Brown Bag session that will delve more deeply into how to utilize the benchmarking tool on Thursday, October 24th at 3:30p-4:30pET.

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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

Free Virtual Events for Members

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>

by Elsevier, with visibility to a global audience of academic leaders through Science Direct and Clinical Key. *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 – one more reason to [submit your manuscript](#) to AAPath's official journal!

Recently Published Articles

- **Extending the gift—utilizing residual human anatomical materials for training Pathologists' Assistants in surgical pathology techniques**, K.M. Kolheffer, et al., Research Article First Published August 5, 2024: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2024.100142>
- **Evaluating the utility and challenges associated with “unknown” and fictional patients in the electronic medical record**, Kai J. Rogers, et al., Research Article First Published August 1, 2024: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2024.100141>
- **Asking the PRIME questions for grossing: Teaching a framework for grossing and constructing gross descriptions using the PRIME model**, C.C. Attaway, et al. Research Article First Published August 5, 2024: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2024.100143>

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AAPath PROMOTES *YOUR* TRAINEE INFORMATION!

- Does your residency program offer interviews no earlier than October 18th?
- Do you have upcoming virtual Open Houses for medical students?
- Do you have Observerships?
- Do you have other experiences in pathology for trainees?
- Does your institution/department have Experimental Pathology PhD Programs?

Pathology National Interview Offer Release Date

PRODS Council recommends that programs release residency program interview offers **no earlier than October 18, 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. 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.

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:

www.apcprods.org/opportunities

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 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. To post your program's information, complete the short Google Form posted on the AAPath website at: www.apcprods.org/experimentalpathologyprograms

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