



## Association for Academic Pathology

### AAPath E-News: October 2024

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#### AAPath ADVOCACY ACTIONS UPDATE

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

As part of our advocacy mission, AAPath continues to follow and influence major issues facing academic pathology. On October 7, 2024, AAPath filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of the lawsuits filed by the Association for Molecular Pathology and the American Clinical Laboratory Association opposing the FDA's regulation of laboratory developed tests (LDTs) like medical devices. Arguments that we put forward in the brief include:

- FDA regulation impedes testing and creates unnecessary patient harm and deaths that affect everyone, but that disproportionately impacts vulnerable populations, such as people with cancer, rare diseases, and children, and exacerbate existing public health crises, with illustrative examples provided regarding the fentanyl epidemic, cancer diagnosis and treatment, and emerging pandemics, such as monkeypox and others;
- Costs of seeking FDA approval will force academic medical centers to reduce or abandon LDT development, leaving Americans with diminished opportunities for treatment and recovery;
- LDTs are already appropriately regulated to protect patient safety via CLIA;
- Certain modifications or updates to CLIA may be necessary as the field of medicine progresses.

An [amicus brief](#) with similar arguments has been filed by a coalition of other organizations (American Association of Bioanalysts, American Society of Clinical Pathology, Association



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for Diagnostic and Laboratory Medicine, American Society for Microbiology, and Infectious Diseases Society of America). The College of American Pathologists (CAP) also filed an [amicus brief](#) with some concerns expressed in other briefs, as well as a recommendation for a solution like the previously proposed VALID Act, which AAPath has not previously supported. CAP also recommends against a decision based on the practice of medicine.

Next steps in this legal battle with the FDA include filing of briefs by the plaintiffs and defendant by the end of 2024. The court will hear the case after the first of the year, and it may take several months for a final decision to be made. We will continue to follow this important issue closely.

- Speaking of regulation, two interesting articles were published in JAMA in October regarding FDA and FTC regulation of artificial intelligence in healthcare. Since AI is emerging as an important tool for pathology practice and laboratory services, we will be following this issue closely, too. FDA Perspective on the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence in Health Care and Biomedicine, Warrach, et al. (October 15, 2024): <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2825146> FTC Regulation of AI-Generated Medical Disinformation, Haupt, et al. (October 16, 2024): <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2825056>

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## **NEW: VICE CHAIRS FOR RESEARCH AFFINITY GROUP**

AAPath Council has formerly approved the creation of this NEW Affinity Group to better serve and support the academic research mission of Pathology departments. This Affinity Group is for the research faculty leader in the Pathology department who is appointed by the department Chair. The group will be co-led by Dr. Edwin Monuki (Univ of California, Irvine) and Dr. Yabing Chen (Oregon Health & Science Univ), and will initially meet on a bi-monthly basis. The Vice Chairs for Research Affinity Group will be overseen by the AAPath Research Committee.

The AAPath Vice Chairs for Research Affinity Group aims to:

- Create a network connecting the designated Research representative (such as Vice Chairs) from academic pathology departments.
- Generate a discussion of common topics/issues to understand better and discuss how to address them.
- Publish papers on projects from the group's activities.

Chairs can submit their Research faculty leader name via this online form by December 2<sup>nd</sup> to be included in the first virtual meeting later in December or January 2025:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAPathVCRResearchAffinityGroup](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAPathVCRResearchAffinityGroup)

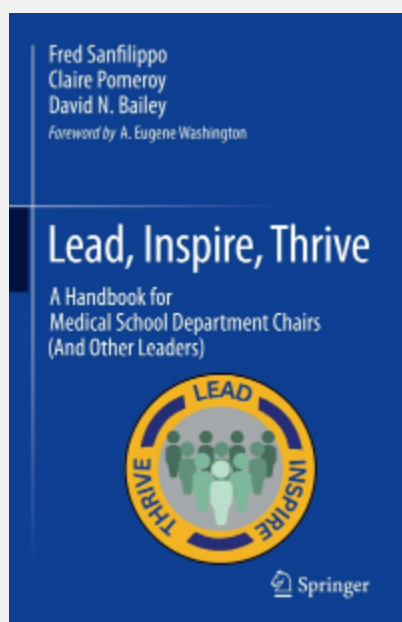
For other information, refer to the Affinity Group's webpage at:

[www.academicpathology.org/vice-chairs-for-research-affinity-group](http://www.academicpathology.org/vice-chairs-for-research-affinity-group)

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## **AAPath 2025 CONSOLIDATED REGIONAL MEETING**

Congratulations to AAPath Senior Fellows Members, Fred Sanfilippo, and David N. Bailey, with Claire Pomeroy on their handbook for academic leadership of medical school departments [published by Springer](#).



## Academic Pathology

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## Member Directory

Only members in good standing have



## Pathology Chairs & Administrators 2025 Consolidated Regional Meeting

Terranea Resort – Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
Registration Open – Act Now!  
[www.apcprods.org/m-regional-meetings](http://www.apcprods.org/m-regional-meetings)

**Registration is open and space is limited!**

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 open and space is limited. Registration includes the option to submit topics and facilitate discussion in break-out sessions. To date, topics submitted and under consideration include:

- Funds Flow & Revenue Cycle Management
- Managing LDTs: FDA Final Rule Considerations
- Recruitment & Retention
- Productivity Metrics & Compensation
- Digital Pathology Implementation
- Engaging Medical Students in Pathology
- Executive & Faculty Wellness

Join your Chair and Administrator colleagues to continue the tradition of intimate regional meetings in an exciting new format and venue! Represented departments from across the country include: *Columbia Univ, Duke, Houston Methodist Hospital, Indiana Univ, Keck/USC, Loma Linda Univ, Montefiore/Albert Einstein, NEOMED/Akron Children's Hospital, NorthShore Univ HealthSystem, Northwestern, Oregon Health and Science Univ, Penn State, Rutgers, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences Univ, UC Irvine, UCLA, UCSD, UCSF, Univ of Colorado, Univ of Iowa, Univ of Louisville, Univ of Miami, Univ of Mississippi, Univ of Missouri, UNC Chapel Hill, Univ of North Dakota, Univ of Rochester, UTMB-Galveston, Univ of Utah, Univ of Washington, Virginia Commonwealth Univ, Yale, and more!*

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## UPCOMING DEADLINES

**AAPath Member Awards - Nomination Period Now Open through 12/31/2024!**

[www.academicpathology.org/awards](http://www.academicpathology.org/awards) - AAPath is pleased to annually honor leaders in academic pathology—past and present—with the following awards:

- [Association for Academic Pathology Distinguished Service Award](#)
- [Margaret Grimes Distinguished Achievement Award in GME](#)
- [Michele Raible Distinguished Achievement Award in UME](#)
- [Academic Pathology Executives Section Distinguished Service Award](#)
- [GME Administrators Section Distinguished Service Award](#)

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!](#)

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## 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.academicpathology.org](http://www.academicpathology.org)!

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## Membership Updates

**New Members** should complete a New Member Inquiry Form found at: [www.academicpathology.org/membership](http://www.academicpathology.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](mailto:info@academicpathology.org) if you have any questions about AAPath Membership.

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## 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!

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## 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](#)
- [Medical Educator Toolbox](#)

Click on the award links above to see each award's criteria, process, and prior recipients. Nominate a colleague by [clicking on this form](#) and submitting the requested information. Email [info@academicpathology.org](mailto:info@academicpathology.org) or call 302-660-4940 to let us know you are interested in nominating a dedicated Chair, Program Director, Medical Educator, Department Administrator, or Program Coordinator. We will answer your questions and send helpful reminders about the status of their nomination package to ensure it's completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>! Recipients will be honored and recognized at the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting, July 27-30, 2025 in Denver, CO!

### QIPS Scholarship Forum - *Submission deadline: 12/31/24*

[www.academicpathology.org/qips-forum](http://www.academicpathology.org/qips-forum) - The Residency Program Directors Section (PRODS) of AAPath is pleased to announce a new opportunity to further residents' and fellows' participation and success in scholarship, while raising awareness among programs to the many ways that quality improvement and patient safety (QIPS) values are being learned and applied. All accepted abstracts will be published in *Academic Pathology*. Selected abstracts will be presented in a virtual forum that will be held on April 14, 2025 at 6:00p Eastern. The virtual forum will be free and open to all program directors, residents and fellows. This is an outstanding opportunity for residents and fellows to build their scholarship portfolios and showcase their work in QIPS to other trainees and programs.

### Society of '67 Kinney Scholars and APEX Fellow Programs - *Application period opens on December 2, 2024 and closes on January 24, 2025!*

[www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-scholars](http://www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-scholars) - The Kinney Scholars Program provides an opportunity for medical students and residents to familiarize themselves with career opportunities in pathology and the critical role of pathology in healthcare delivery, research, and education through access to national leaders in academic pathology attending the AAPath Annual Meeting. Note that the application period is moving earlier than in years past due to the high level of interest from trainees!

### AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows (APLF) Program - *Application period opens on December 16, 2024 and closes on February 7, 2025!*

[www.academicpathology.org/aplf](http://www.academicpathology.org/aplf) - The APLF program cultivates leadership potential and opportunities by providing experiences and education that accelerate understanding and competency in the skills required for academic administration. The APLF program is suitable for mid-to-senior level faculty (assistant, preferably associate, professor level faculty) pursuing vice chair, director, chief or chair roles. No more than two participants will be selected from any one AAPath member department in good standing (current dues paid). Note that the application period is moving earlier than in years past due to the high level of interest from faculty!

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## VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR MEMBERS

- **Implementing FDA's Final Rule on LDTs: The Pediatric Perspective.** Speakers: Megan Delaney, DO, MPH (Children's National) and Stephen Master, MD, PhD (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia). *More information and registration will be posted on the Virtual Events page:* [www.apcprods.org/upcoming-virtual-events](http://www.apcprods.org/upcoming-virtual-events)

**Missed previous AAPath Virtual Events?** Members can login to access the recordings at:

[www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events](http://www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events)

- Understanding the New York State CLEP Exemption to FDA's Final Rule for LDTs, presented by Priya Velu, MD, PhD (Weill Cornell) and George Vlad, PhD (Columbia) on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- APEX Brown Bag: The AAPath Benchmarking Tool, facilitated by Joey McCall (Univ of Oklahoma) on October 24<sup>th</sup>

- [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@academicpathology.org](mailto:info@academicpathology.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: [www.academicpathology.org/statements](http://www.academicpathology.org/statements).

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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!**

### AAPath Congratulates Member Elected to the National Academy of Medicine

Congratulations to Department Chair Massimo Loda, MD (Weill Cornell Medical College) recently elected to the [National Academy of Medicine](#), considered as one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine. The National Academy recognized Dr. Loda's work "for pioneering the use of molecular assays in diagnostic pathology and establishing the concept of 'metabolic oncogenes' in the development of cancer. This discovery has led to clinical trials targeting lipogenic enzymes in prostate cancer."



**Massimo Loda, MD**

### New Appointments to the ACGME Pathology Review Committee

Congratulations to Deb Chute, MD (Cleveland Clinic) and Bruce Levy, MD (Geisinger Commonwealth) as the newest members of the [Review Committee for Pathology](#), effective on July 1, 2025! Thank you to the leadership of Scott Anderson, MD (Univ of Vermont) and Cindy McCloskey, MD (Univ of Oklahoma) who served in these roles since 2018 and will be rotating off the Review Committee on June 30, 2025.

## Free Virtual Events for Members

Learn more about upcoming events and access past event recordings by visiting the AAPath website at:

[www.academicpathology.org/virtual-events](http://www.academicpathology.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 listserv policies](#). For more information on AAPath's listservs, visit the AAPath website at: [www.academicpathology.org/m-lists](http://www.academicpathology.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:

[www.academicpathology.org/e-news](http://www.academicpathology.org/e-news)



**Deborah Chute, MD**



**Bruce Levy, MD**



**Scott Anderson, MD**



**Cindy McCloskey, MD**

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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'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

- **Entrustable professional activities (EPAs) in surgical pathology: implementation experience and longitudinal observations of resident development**, A. Gama, MD, et al. Research Article First Published October 24, 2024:  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2024.100150>

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## SOCIETY OF '67 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Your generous donations this calendar year directly support the [Society of '67 programs](#) next year, so consider [DONATING](#) before the end of 2024 to cultivate and inspire the future leadership of academic pathology!

- **The Thomas D. Kinney Scholars Program:** While any contribution helps support a Kinney Scholar, a donation of \$2500 allows the contributor to be a *named sponsor* of a medical student or pathology resident to attend the AAPath Annual Meeting and experience academic pathology leadership!
- **Open Access Publication Awards** cover the article processing fee for a research article or educational case published in AAPath's journal, *Academic Pathology*, by a student, resident, or early career pathologist. Eligible authors can apply throughout the year.
- **Trainee Project Grants in Health Services Research or Education** fund up to \$5,000 for 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. Typically launched in the fall, the current project proposals invited for a full submission are under development.
- **The Academic Pathology Executive Section (APEX) Fellowship Program** provides an opportunity for developing the careers of emerging and new pathology administrators (Affiliate APEX Members) to network with the community of administrators at the AAPath Annual Meeting and beyond.

[DONATE TODAY](#) and make a difference for the future of academic pathology!

As a reminder to donors who have contributed at least \$500 for membership to the Society of '67 since last November through today, October 31, 2024, you are eligible to be nominated/self-nominated to serve on the Society of '67 Board in 2025. To nominate (or self-nominate) a candidate, please email Mel Limson ([mlimson@academicpathology.org](mailto:mlimson@academicpathology.org)) the following information no later than November 15, 2024:

1. Candidate's full name, affiliation, email address
2. Statement of Interest to serve on the Society of '67 Board

### *A special note for Senior Fellow Group members...*

With the generosity of an anonymous Senior Fellow of the AAPath, a **matching challenge to all Senior Fellow Group members** has been launched! **The donor will match up to \$2,000 total per Senior Fellow member contribution through December 31, 2024 --** Double your investment and make an impact on future leaders in academic pathology!

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