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AAPath E-News: November 2024

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AAPath ADVOCACY ACTIONS UPDATE

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

The Presidential election and new administration will bring many changes, including in healthcare policy. In support of our members, AAPath is closely following these topics and working with our partners to address needs proactively. Here are a few hot topics to be aware of:

- **Lab-developed tests (LDTs) and regulation by the FDA:** The FDA is among many agencies expected to have big changes in the new administration. AAPath has signed on to a [stakeholder letter](#) initiated by the Association of Molecular Pathology in support of initiating the Congressional Review Act to disapprove the FDA's final rule regulating LDTs like medical devices. Representative Brad Finstad (R-MN), and Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) are leading these efforts. However, clinical laboratories should not give up preparations to meet the first deadline required by the new FDA rule since this regulation is still active. AAPath continues its webinar series to support academic clinical labs in meeting the new rules requirements - [REGISTER HERE](#) for the next webinar on 12/6 which focuses on pediatric testing. Previous webinars are recorded and available on the AAPath website at: www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events
- **NIH reorganization:** Even before the election, Republicans were putting forward proposals to restructure the NIH. Changes are now expected, but many will require Congressional approval. Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) released a white paper this past



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year ([NIH Modernization 5.9.24.pdf](#)) from the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions based on stakeholder input which may provide insights on changes to come. The report highlights the need for a balanced portfolio of early- and late-stage research, addressing workforce challenges, streamlining peer review, and collaboration across agencies, institutions, and industry.

- **Policies with immediate needs to be addressed by the lame-duck Congress:**
 - **Telehealth:** Many of our members are expanding their telepathology programs; however, it is important to be aware that extensions to the flexibilities initiated during the COVID-19 are currently scheduled to end on December 31, 2024. Bills for additional extensions have been passed by House committees and are expected to form the basis for negotiation with the incoming administration.
 - **Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments:** Many of our members practice at hospitals that rely on DSH payments because they serve a disproportionate share of Medicaid patients. DSH payments were scheduled for progressive cuts as other programs expanded; however, delays in cuts were extended to December 31, 2024. Negotiations for additional extensions are expected.

We look forward to keeping you informed as events occur and transition to the new administration unfolds.

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AAPath 2025 ANNUAL MEETING



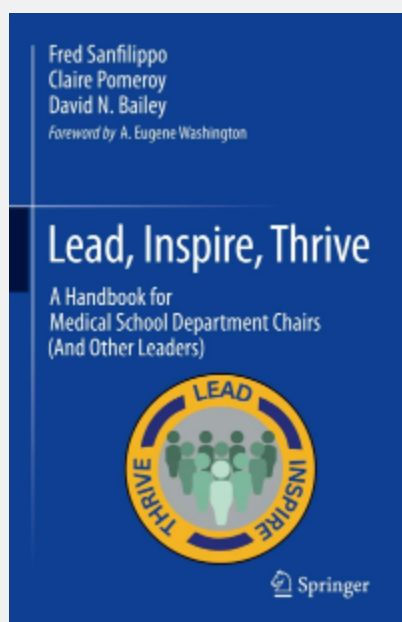
Registration opens in early December! Use discount code EARLY2025 for \$100 off your meeting registration when registration launches through February 15th. AAPath 2025 will continue to be delivered in a hybrid format for a dynamic in-person experience and access by remote attendees to most ballroom sessions that will be broadcasted by Zoom. AAPath Committees and Section Councils are continuing to finalize the sessions as they consider the most timely and relevant topics for your professional development in academic pathology leadership. Program updates will be posted on the [AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting landing page](#) once registration launches next week!

In the meantime, for those with innovations in education for medical students through pathology trainees, UMEDS Council and PRODS Council invite you to submit an abstract to be considered for the poster program at AAPath 2025. [CLICK HERE](#) to review the Call for Abstracts and consider submitting your proposal! Deadline is Monday, December 9th.

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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](#).



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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

Limited space remains!

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. [Visit the registration page for program details!](#) Departments currently registered include:

- **Midwest:** Indiana Univ, NEOMED/Akron Children's Hospital, NorthShore Univ HealthSystem, Northwestern, Univ of Iowa, Univ of Kansas, Univ of Missouri, Univ of North Dakota
- **Northeast:** Columbia Univ, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Montefiore/Albert Einstein, New York Medical College/Westchester Medical Center, Penn State, Rutgers, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences Univ, Univ of Rochester, Yale
- **Southeast:** Duke, Houston Methodist Hospital, Univ of Louisville, Univ of Miami, Univ of Mississippi, UNC Chapel Hill, UTMB-Galveston, Virginia Commonwealth Univ
- **West:** Keck/USC, Loma Linda Univ, Oregon Health and Science Univ, Univ of Arizona-Phoenix, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UCSD, UCSF, Univ of Colorado, Univ of Utah, Univ of Washington

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VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR MEMBERS

- December 6, 2:00p-3:00p (ET): **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). [Register Today!](#)
- UMEDS Members: Save the Date! UMEDS Mid-Year Virtual Meeting, January 28, 2025, 12:00p-1:30p (ET). *More details coming soon!*

Missed previous AAPath Virtual Events? Members can login to access the recordings at: www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events

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WHAT'S NEW IN ACADEMIC PATHOLOGY?

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.academicpathology.org!

Membership Updates

New Members should complete a New Member Inquiry Form found at: 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 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](#)
- [Medical Educator Toolbox](#)

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

- **Social media in pathology and laboratory medicine: A systematic review**, A. Flippo, BS, et al. Research Article First Published November 4, 2024: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2024.100151>
- **Paying to publish: A cross-sectional analysis of article processing charges and journal characteristics among 87 pathology journals**, L. Clark, MPhil, et al. Research Article First Published November 20, 2024: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2024.100153>

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UPCOMING DEADLINES

Affinity Group for Vice Chairs of Research – Dec. 2nd

www.academicpathology.org/vice-chairs-for-research-affinity-group - Chairs can submit their Research faculty leader name to join the NEW Affinity Group for Vice Chairs of Research via this online form to be included in the first virtual meeting to be scheduled in December or January 2025:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAPathVCRResearchAffinityGroup. To better serve and support the academic research mission of Pathology departments, 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.

AAPath 2025 Call for Abstracts – Dec. 9th

[Submit abstracts on Innovations in Education!](#) On behalf of the Undergraduate Medical Educators Section (UMEDS) and the residency Program Directors Section (PRODS), the Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath) invites AAPath and Section members, their faculty, staff, trainees, and other stakeholders to [submit abstracts](#) for poster presentations during the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting at the Hilton Denver City Center in Denver, Colorado, July 27-30, 2025. Abstracts should describe innovations in the continuum of education, i.e., from undergraduate medical education (UME) to graduate medical education (GME), or educational leadership and faculty/career development in an academic environment. Abstracts must clearly state the objective of the study, program, or intervention, describe the methods and resources utilized, and critically analyze relevant data. Metrics for “effectiveness,” “success,” and “impact” must be explained to help serve as a model for other institutions to adopt and implement. For more information and to submit an abstract, [click here](#).

QIPS Scholarship Forum – Dec. 31st

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*.

- [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

- [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.

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.

Nominations for AAPath 2025 Member Awards – Dec. 31st

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](#)

Nominating a dedicated Chair, Program Director, Medical Educator, Department Administrator, or Program Coordinator. Click on the award links above to see each award's criteria, process, and prior recipients. Recipients will be honored and recognized at the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting, July 27-30, 2025, in Denver, CO! If you have any questions or need further information, please contact: awards@academicpathology.org.

Donate to the Society of '67 – Dec. 31st

Donate by the end of the year to support programs of the Society of '67 in 2025, and make an impact on the next generation of academic pathologists:

- **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. [Donate today!](#)
- **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. [Donate today!](#)
- **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 review. [Donate today!](#)
- 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!](#)

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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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 - The Kinney Scholars Program provides an opportunity for medical students and residents to familiarize themselves with career

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

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

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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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!

Named Sponsors of Kinney Scholars:

5 & 9: David Bailey, MD
1 & 7: Cheryl Hanau, MD
4: Eileen Ryan, MD
2 & 6: Dani Zander, MD
3 & 8: The APC Senior Fellows Group

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2024 Kinney Scholars

Medical Students			Pathology Residents		
Carlos Francia ¹  Alexander Kritikos ²  Matthew Lanehart ³  John Overton  Maneka Puligandla ⁴ 	    	Anaisa Quintanilla-Arteaga  Mariah Schroeder  Jacob Shaner  Dawson Tan ⁵  Pierre Tran 	Spencer Cope, MD  Sholeh Bazrafshan Kondori, MD ⁶  Saroja Devi Geetha, MBBS  Nikka Khorsandi, MD  Teaghan Koster, MD 	Olanrewaju Oni, MD ⁷  Carol Rizkalla, MBBS ⁸  Mahalia Robinson, DO ⁹  Haneen Salah, MD 	

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APEX Fellowship Program (since 2021)

Danielle Burns  	Jeannette Le  	Burt Martinez  	Yasmeen Majoka  	Latisha Rider 2023 Merry Lawlor PDSAS Fellow  	Kristin Schieble 2024 Merry Lawlor APEX Fellow  
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AAPath PATHOLOGY LEADERSHIP FELLOWS (APLF) PROGRAM

Application period opens on December 16, 2024, and closes on February 7, 2025!

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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