

## AAPath E-News January 2025

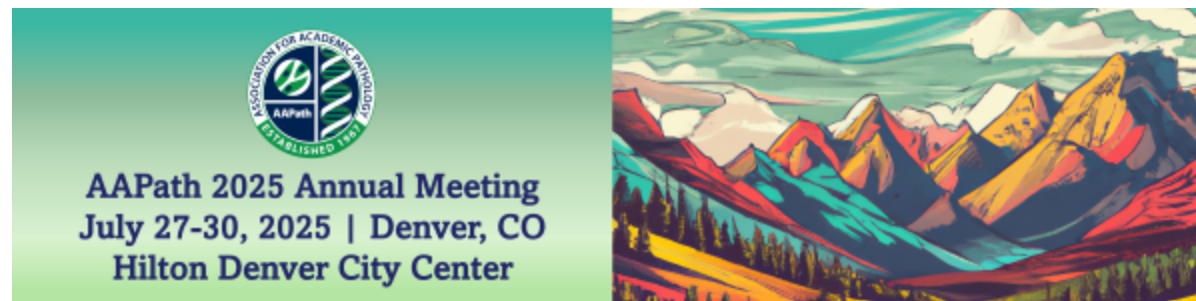
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## AAPath 2025

### AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting

**Early Bird Registration Ends February 15<sup>th</sup>!**



The 58<sup>th</sup> AAPath Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Denver City Center in Denver, CO, July 27-30, 2025. Join your colleagues at this once-yearly, highly anticipated opportunity to network with leaders in academic pathology. Arrive in time to reunite at the Welcome Reception on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and then immerse yourself in educational topics over three days of programming – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday! For those unable to attend in-person, a robust online experience broadcast via Zoom will be available for remote attendees. As a reminder, the AAPath Annual Meeting is not ONLY for Chairs and its Section Members, but is open to ALL faculty and staff who are interested in advancing their career potential and the missions of academic pathology!

AAPath Section Councils and Committees are hard at work developing exceptional and timely educational content for the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting. Program details will be updated as they evolve at: [www.academicpathology.org/aapath2025](http://www.academicpathology.org/aapath2025).

**Through February 15, 2025 use the discount code **EARLY2025** for \$100 off your meeting registration!** Learn more about pricing and registration details, including the AAPath Health and Safety Policy and Cancellation Policy at: [www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2025-Pricing](http://www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2025-Pricing).

Register Today!

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## Exhibit at the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting

### *Exhibitor Prospectus Now Available!*

AAPath is excited to welcome back exhibits to the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting! The AAPath Annual Meeting exclusively convenes pathology decision makers in academic practice, undergraduate and graduate medical education, and research. Exhibits are an essential part of the learning experience for attendees. As an exhibitor, you will network with over 400 academic pathology leaders in an intimate setting for exchanging ideas and information on current and cutting-edge topics and technology in practice, education and research. All exhibitor and sponsor opportunities are explained in the 2025 Exhibitor Prospectus, along with a link to apply for them. To learn more and apply today, visit the AAPath website at: <https://www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2025-Exhibits>.

***If you have any questions or know of a vendor/company/organization who needs to be at the AAPath Annual Meeting, please share the link with them and contact [exhibits@academicpathology.org](mailto:exhibits@academicpathology.org).***

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## AAPath Advocacy Priorities for 2025

Under the leadership of Steven Kroft, MD (Medical College of Wisconsin), Chair of the AAPath Advocacy Committee, the 2025 AAPath Advocacy Priorities approved by AAPath Council are now posted at: [www.academicpathology.org/statements](http://www.academicpathology.org/statements). The priorities remain focused on the academic missions of education, practice and research, while adjusting to the evolving political and regulatory landscape at the national level.

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## Other Advocacy Updates

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

2025 is off to a big start. Not only is it a new year, but there is new leadership in the White House, which will likely bring many changes for academic medicine and pathology, including lots of opportunity for advocacy nationally and on the local level, especially in your own academic health center. Here is what is on the horizon:

- **New opportunities for GME slots on the horizon:** At the end of 2024, the Senate Finance Committee issued draft legislation to increase Medicare-supported GME slots. Many of us in pathology have been discouraged from accessing new GME slots in the past, since this expansion has previously targeted rural care and primary care. In this new draft, however, pathology may have more opportunity since only 25% of the 5000 slots in the

draft legislation is earmarked for primary care and 15% for psychiatry. You may want to start advocating with your own institution about gaining some of these GME slots for your department -- the [U.S. Physician Workforce Data Dashboard | AAMC](#) provides excellent data that you can use to make your case, since there is large predicted gap for pathologists. Regarding the rural care requirement, many medical schools and academic medical centers educate physicians, including pathologists, needed to serve rural areas, especially state-supported medical schools who are expected to serve their state's rural population. Private institutions may also make the case that rural areas of their state need their pathology trainees.

- **Immigration policy impacting trainees:** International medical graduates are important to the pathologist workforce, therefore new executive orders signed by President Trump limiting immigration raise concerns. The impact may not be as substantial as feared, since the AAMC has pointed out that these limits are far less than the President's 2017 travel ban.
- **Diversity, equity, and inclusion and accountability (DEIA):** President Trump has rescinded former President Biden's previous executive orders addressing systemic racism, inequities in the Federal government, gender identity and sexual orientation, discrimination, DEIA, as well as initiatives to advance educational equity and economic opportunities for Hispanic, Native American and black students. Federal agencies have 60 days to terminate all DEI activities, offices, positions, related grants or contracts, as well as all DEI performance requirements within their respective agencies or departments. AAPath is closely following these events. Notably, as a non-federal entity, AAPath's DEI activities can continue and potentially fill some of the gap for our members, if schools sunset their own DEI programs.
- **FDA regulation of LDTs like medical devices:** This ever-present advocacy issue continues in its current form – despite speculation that this rule will go away, there have been no executive orders or other events prompting change. Academic clinical laboratories therefore need to continue their preparations since all deadlines are still in place with the first coming up this May. AAPath is planning the next LDT webinar for early March with speakers from AAMC and AMP who will give us an update on what's ahead, including any policy changes or progress on the lawsuit filed by AMP and ACLA. For access to previous webinars and to register for this upcoming webinar, visit the AAPath [Virtual Events](#) page.
- **NIH reform and the value of research:** Gaining more NIH funding for academic pathology departments was a driving reason for the founding of AAPath almost 60 years ago, and remains an important issue for us today. Therefore, AAPath is closely following with our partners discussions regarding NIH reform. To be effective in this advocacy, involvement of our members on a local and national level will be needed, including their schools and academic health centers. The AAMC has prepared a helpful infographic that you may want to [download](#) to help you better communicate the value of research to your constituents.

This is clearly an important time for advocacy. AAPath will continue to follow these important issues which involve all academic missions so that we can best support the work of academic pathology departments. We look forward to your participation.

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## How Do Members Describe AAPath?

### *Call for AAPath Tagline*

AAPath Council is seeking suggestions from members for a new tag line that briefly expresses the AAPath identity to non-member faculty, other organizations, other medical specialties, and even the general public. Who are we? What impact do we have? What phrase captures the essence of

what we do in academic pathology? Brainstorm and submit a tagline for AAPath Council to consider by February 17<sup>th</sup> at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAPathTagLine>

## Membership

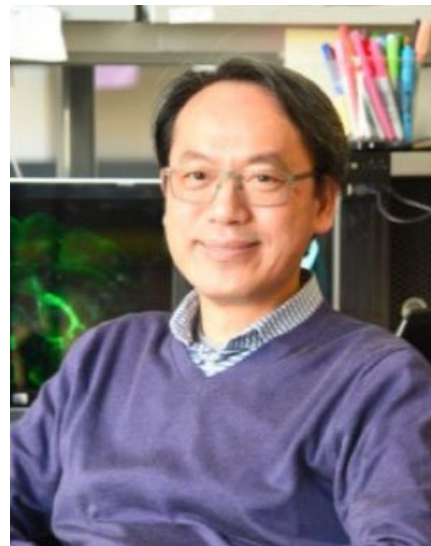
### New Chairs



**Melina Flanagan, MD, MSPH**

Interim Chair, West Virginia University  
Department of Pathology, Anatomy, and  
Laboratory Medicine

[Announcement from WVU Health Sciences  
Chancellor and Executive Dean](#)



**Eric J. Huang, MD, PhD**

Chair, Washington University in St. Louis  
Department of Pathology & Immunology

[Announcement from WUSTL Executive Vice  
Chancellor for Medical Affairs](#)

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### In Memoriam

Members who recently passed and who served AAPath in leadership roles, such as Presidents and Council Members among the AAPath Sections, are recognized in this new section if the AAPath Office is notified. Pause and reflect on the legacy, impact, and memories these colleagues have made on you:

- **Abbott Julian “Jerry” Garvin, MD, PhD (1946-2024)** – Served as AAPath President, 1999-2002. [Obituary as published by the \*Winston-Salem Journal\*.](#)
- **David Wilkinson, MD, PhD (1945-2025)** – Served as AAPath President, 2004-2006, and on the Executive Committee of the Senior Fellows Group, 2017-2024. [Obituary as published by the \*Richmond Times-Dispatch\*.](#)



### AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows Program

*Application Deadline: February 7<sup>th</sup>!*



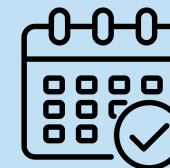
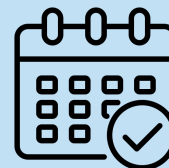
**The APLF program** cultivates leadership potential and opportunities by providing experiences and education that accelerate understanding and competency in the skills required for academic administration. The application process for this well-received year-long (July to July) course is competitive, and the program has filled all classes since its inception in 2021. 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 earlier than in previous years to give more advance notice to accepted applicants, before the first program activity in July. For information about the program and how to apply, visit:

[www.academicpathology.org/aplf](http://www.academicpathology.org/aplf).

Apply Today!

## Events and Deadlines

### Virtual Events for Members



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**February 6, 2025**  
1:00-2:30pm ET

**March 2025**

**April 2, 2025**  
2:00-4:30pm ET

**April 14, 2025**  
6:00-7:00pm ET

**GMEAS Mid-Year Meeting**

**Current Perspectives on LDT Compliance**

**PRODS Spring Virtual Meeting**

**QIPS Scholarship Forum**

*For GMEAS Members – Reconnect and hear introductions and updates from GMEAS Council leadership, including user groups on resident management systems!*

*Watch for an announcement on the latest webinar in a series to prepare academic and pediatric labs for the FDA's Final Rule on LDTs. If you missed them, go to [Virtual Events](#) for previous recordings.*

*Registration coming soon for PRODS membership (Program Directors and Associate Program Directors)*

*This forum is open to all program directors, residents, and fellows to hear from selected abstracts on how quality improvement and patient safety (QIPS) values are being learned and applied in training programs.*

**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)

## Upcoming Deadlines



**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**

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Apply now for this year-long program that cultivates leadership potential and opportunities by developing understanding and skills required for academic administration.



**Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**

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**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Member Suggestions for an AAPath tag line!**

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Brainstorm and submit your suggestion for a phrase that captures the essence of academic pathology!

## Trainee Opportunities in Pathology

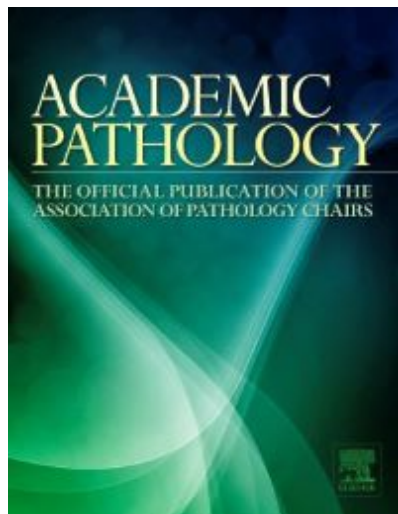
### Refresh Your Program Listings by March 31<sup>st</sup>

Join your colleagues at this once-yearly, highly anticipated opportunity to network with leaders in academic pathology at the Hilton Denver City Center in Denver, CO, July 27-30, 2025. AAPath is pleased to publish on our website a listing of resources and opportunities for students and trainees! The listings provided by program directors and coordinators are intended to be freely accessible resources for medical students and residents to locate information about training programs and related events, in the same place where they can find other important trainee opportunities and resources, such as clerkships and unexpected fellowship openings. **Please update your listings with this year's deadlines, if applicable, no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>** as AAPath has been invited again by the AAMC to participate in their Virtual Specialty Forum for medical students on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Through the AAPath Virtual Booth, the listings will be highly visible and broadcast to participating medical students! **To add a pathology residency or fellowship open house listing, unexpected fellowship openings, PSTP or Experimental Pathology PhD program listings, PSF program, or other student educational opportunities, go to the appropriate link below and complete the relevant form.**

- Student Educational Opportunities: [www.academicpathology.org/opportunities](http://www.academicpathology.org/opportunities)
- Residency Open House Resource List: [www.academicpathology.org/opportunities](http://www.academicpathology.org/opportunities)
- Fellowship Open Houses Resource List: [www.academicpathology.org/fellowship-openings](http://www.academicpathology.org/fellowship-openings)
- Unexpected Fellowship Openings: [www.academicpathology.org/fellowship-openings](http://www.academicpathology.org/fellowship-openings)
- PSTP Program Listings: [www.academicpathology.org/PSTP-Pathology](http://www.academicpathology.org/PSTP-Pathology)
- Experimental Pathology PhD Program Listings: [www.academicpathology.org/experimentalpathologyprograms](http://www.academicpathology.org/experimentalpathologyprograms)

## Publications

### Academic Pathology



#### Recently Published Articles

- **International medical graduates representation in pathology academic workforce, departmental leadership and society leadership**, A. Azemi, MD, and C. Parra-Herran, MD. Research Article First Published January 13, 2025: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2024.100158>
- **Challenges in autopsy training for pathology residents: A survey of autopsy directors**, K. Scherpelz, MD, PhD, et al. Research Article First Published January 13, 2025: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2024.100156>

*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!

[Click here](#) to view the latest issue of *Academic Pathology* and [subscribe to receive alerts](#) when the latest issues are published!

## Membership Corner

### 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](#).

### Membership Updates

**New Members** should complete a [New Member Inquiry Form](#). **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.

### 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.

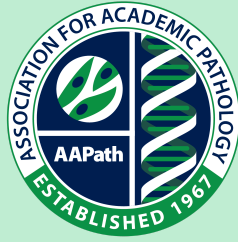
### Job Postings

**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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