

AAPath E-News

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AAPath 2025

AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting



The [Preliminary Program](#) for the 58th [AAPath Annual Meeting](#) is now available! AAPath 2025 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 27th and then immerse yourself in educational topics over three full 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 open to ALL faculty and staff who are interested in advancing the missions of academic pathology! AAPath Section Councils and Committees are ~~APAPath is the leading organization for academic pathology in the United States. The AAPath Annual Meeting is exclusively for academic pathology professionals in academic practice, undergraduate and graduate medical education, and research. Exhibits are an essential part of the learning experience for attendees. As a result, AAPath, Lab Directors work with over 400 academic pathology leaders in the 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: www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2025-Exhibits~~

Exhibit at the AAPath 2025 Annual Meeting
Exhibitor Prospectus Now Available!

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.

May 31st to avoid the late registration rate increase of \$200.

[Apply Today!](#)

Updates

Advocacy Update

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

One of the toughest aspects of being a leader is leading through change. The new administration is creating unprecedented change and, with it, considerable anxiety among those you lead and at all levels of your organization. Through our advocacy and government affairs activities, AAPath strives to empower you to take action within your own medical center, university, community or state by sharing information that we gather through networking, partnerships with other influential organizations, and by amplifying your voice through representation outside your local level.

Here is what we have learned and accomplished most recently in our activities this past month, including recent participation in the National Pathology Organizations (NPO) annual meeting sponsored by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), regular participation in the Association of American Medical Colleges' weekly meetings for government affairs representatives and other workgroup meetings, and informal conversations with our friends in other pathology organizations:

- **Navigating the government's emphasis on deregulation and efficiencies – and leveraging this to our benefit:** At the NPO meeting, CAP shared the thought-provoking challenge to think about what we would like to get rid of, in addition to what we want to fight to keep. Several strategies to accomplish this were suggested at the NPO meeting and in other meetings:

- Frame your arguments along the administration's priority to "Make America Healthy Again" citing that pathology and laboratory medicine are foundational to clinical care and to medical education, and we are key leaders and collaborators in every area of biomedical research.
- Share your illustrative stories which make data come alive and create emotional connection that can accelerate action and impact. AAMC continues to recommend the importance of grassroots efforts. Connecting with your institutional government affairs representatives makes them more impactful in their advocacy work.
- Consider Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a source of efficiency. AI is a high area of interest within government as well as for many of our members – this commonality can be leveraged.
- **There is an optimism regarding removing the FDA's regulation of laboratory developed tests (LDTs) like medical devices.**
 - A hearing was held on Friday, February 19, 2025 regarding the lawsuit filed by Association for Molecular Pathology and the American Clinical Laboratory Association (ACLA). Those in attendance spoke positively about the arguments provided by the plaintiffs' lawyers and noted that the judge asked well-informed questions and demonstrated good understanding of the issues and urgencies. The decision date remains uncertain, however, and may not occur before May 6, 2025; the first compliance deadline in the current FDA rule. Compliance is therefore still an expectation – your labs are not off the hook yet.
 - AAPath formally endorsed the "Freedom for Laboratory Innovation and Testing Act" which was introduced on Friday, February 21, 2025 by Representatives Finstad (R, MN) and Crenshaw (R, TX) that would prohibit the FDA from using federal funds to implement, administer, or enforce its final rule on laboratory developed tests.
- **Restraining order pausing the 15% cut on facilities and administration support in federal grants continues to be in effect:** A hearing was held on Friday, February 21, 2025 which was also seen as positive by those in attendance. This reflects legal action by AAMC and more than 22 states that oppose this cut.
- **Interest is high among many pathology organizations to work together to achieve change:** The recent NPO meeting highlighted the many common interests across the seven organizations in attendance, including support for research, for immigration and visas to support our workforce, for increasing GME slots and supporting training for laboratory professionals, addressing threats related to gene patenting, and more. We hope to expand on this renewed spirit of collaboration and partnership to achieve important changes that our specialty needs.

As noted earlier, AAPath strives to advocate for our members – but the very best advocates are YOU. We hope you use this information to strengthen your own efforts and allow pathology to continue to be the foundational specialty that enhances all of medicine and biomedical science. Make a difference by voicing your concerns with your elected Congressional members and local officials, including the Governor of your state!

Vice Chairs of Research Affinity Group

Events and Deadlines

www.academicpathology.org/vice-chairs-for-research-affinity-group

to be included in the next Vice Chairs of Research virtual meeting on Thursday, April 10th.

See the list of upcoming and past AAPath Virtual Events for members at:

www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events

(membership login required to access recordings)



Tuesday, March 4
3:30-4:30pm ET

**APEX Brown Bag:
Federal Actions &
Impact**

[Register](#)

For APEX Membership
– How are you
administratively
managing your faculty,
departments, and
institutions in light of
recent federal actions?
Join and share with
your peer network of
executive
administrators!



Thursday, March 6
1:00-2:00pm ET

**Status and Impact of
the FDA LDT Final
Rule**

[Register](#)

Hear from our AMP
colleagues on the
potential clinical
impacts of the FDA
final rule and current
status of the AMP v.
FDA lawsuit, featuring
Dr. Eric Konnick (Univ
of Washington) and
Annie Scrimenti (AMP
Director of Public
Policy and Advocacy)

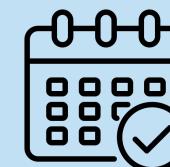


Wednesday, April 2
2:00-4:30pm ET

**PRODS
Spring Virtual
Meeting**

[Register](#)

For PRODS
Membership –
Residency Program
Directors and
Associate Program
Directors. This meeting
is also open to GMEAS
members and non-
member fellowship
program directors.



Thursday, April 10
2:00-3:00pm ET

**Vice Chairs of
Research**

**Affinity Group
Event**

[AAPath Department
Chairs can still appoint
their research faculty
leaders](http://www.academicpathology.org/vice-chairs-for-research-affinity-group) to join this
second virtual meeting
of the Vice Chairs of
Research Affinity
Group, co-led by Dr.
Edwin Monuki (UC
Irvine) and Dr. Yabing
Chen (OHSU).



Monday, April 14
6:00-7:00pm ET



Thursday, May 1
2:00-4:00pm ET



Thursday, May 8
1:00-2:30pm ET

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This forum is open to all program directors, coordinators, residents, and fellows to hear poster presentations on how quality improvement and patient safety (QIPS) is being learned and applied in training programs.

Primarily for NEW Pathology Residency Program Directors and Associate Program Directors, but all PRODS are welcome to attend for refreshers!

For all GMEAS Members, new and experienced, to prepare for your next cycle of trainees and a sneak preview of the AAPath 2025 conference in July!

Upcoming Deadlines



Monday, March 31st

Refresh Your Program Listings for Trainees and Medical Students!

- [Student Educational Opportunities](#)
- [Residency Open House Resource List](#)
- [Fellowship Open Houses Resource List](#)
- [Unexpected Fellowship Openings](#)
- [PSTP Program Listings](#)
- [Experimental Pathology PhD Program Listings](#)

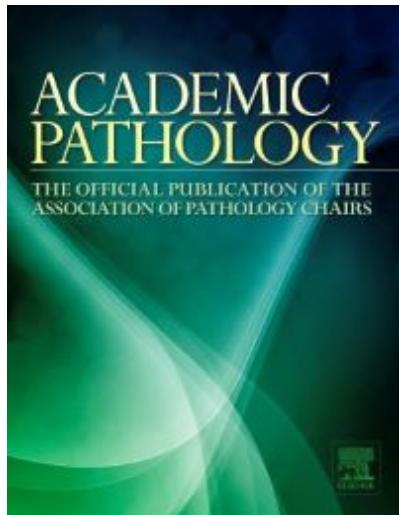
Trainee Opportunities in Pathology

Refresh Your Program Listings by March 31st

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, by March 31st so they are ready for AAPath to promote at the AAMC Virtual Specialty Forum for medical students on Thursday, April 3rd. 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 above and complete the relevant form.**

Academic Pathology



Recently Published Articles in Academic Pathology

- **Osteopathic versus allopathic medical school pathology curricula: a survey of medical students at Michigan State University**, C. Johnson, BA, et al. Research Article First Published February 18, 2025: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2025.100164>
- **From good to great: The journey of sustained academic improvement of a university department of pathology and laboratory medicine**, Z. Gao, MD, PhD, et al. Research Article First Published February 3, 2025: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2025.100159>

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!

Members

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:

- **Joe W. Grisham, MD (1931-2025)** – Served as Chair of Pathology (1973-1999) at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. [Obituary as published by the Raleigh News & Observer](#)

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 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

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.

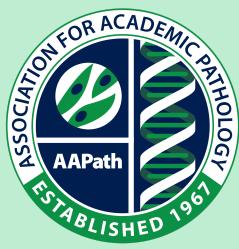
Archives: To view the archive of listserv messages, [log in to your member profile](#) and access the E-lists under My Features.

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/>

Monthly e-News Archive

Find all previous issues of AAPath's Monthly e-News at: www.academicpathology.org/e-news



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