



2025 AAPath ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

Practice & Management:

1. Advocate appropriate, effective, and efficient regulation that ensures that clinical laboratories are able to provide high quality, efficient, accessible, and timely care for patients.
 - a. Continue to vigorously advocate against FDA regulation of laboratory developed procedures.
2. Advocate against current and future legislative efforts that allow the patenting of products of nature.
3. Work with other pathology and healthcare organizations to address laboratory workforce supply issues.
4. Partner with CAP, ASCP or other stakeholders to support pathology services reimbursement that is aligned with academic missions.
5. Seek to engage policymakers to educate them on the role of academic laboratories as a critical part of the national laboratory infrastructure (e.g., in frontline care and rapid response in public health crises).

Research:

1. Partner with ASIP, AAMC, AACR and FASEB to advocate for increasing overall Federal funding for research.
2. Support ongoing efforts to raise the profile of pathology at the National Institutes of Health.
3. Work with AAMC and AAIM to increase and diversify the pipeline of physician-scientists.

Undergraduate Medical Education (medical school):

1. Advocate through the AAMC and the AMA (LCME Co-Secretariats), and AOA, on the importance of medical students' exposure to anatomic pathology and laboratory medicine throughout medical school to enable students to apply foundational concepts to clinical practice.
2. Develop programs to educate and mentor a diverse group of medical students about careers in pathology to broaden their understanding of the role of pathologists and develop our future workforce.
3. Increase pathology's representation on national and institutional committees that are engaged in curricular development.

Graduate Medical Education (residency and fellowship):

1. Support efforts by CAP, AAMC, AMA, and ABP to develop accurate data on the numbers and diversity of currently practicing pathologists.
2. Work with AAMC, CAP, HRSA and health system leaders to increase the number of CMS-funded pathology residency positions, and assist our member departments in advocating for such increases in their own hospitals and health systems. Support the development of novel mechanisms for funding additional pathology GME positions.
3. Continue to advance efforts to optimize the fellowship recruitment process.
4. Continue working with ABPath around evolving training issues, such as competency-based medical education.

Cross-Cutting:

1. Advocate for rational immigration policies that enable and encourage foreign nationals to:
 - a. seek and complete residency training in U.S. programs;
 - b. remain in the U.S. for practice without undue administrative burdens; and
 - c. fill faculty and staff positions in U.S. research and clinical laboratories.
2. Support safe and effective uses of artificial intelligence and machine learning in education, research and practice.
3. Support and uphold principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our association, our member institutions, and in larger society.