



# APC Mission, Vision and Strategy

## (2014-2020)

**Mission: The APC represents and leads the academic pathology community, promoting excellence in healthcare education, practice and research**

The Association of Pathology Chairs (APC) leads and serves as the voice of academic pathology through engagement, advocacy, education, resource development and networking. The APC supports our member institutions and their Chair, Residency, Fellowship, Undergraduate and Graduate Student Directors, Department Administrators and Education Coordinators.

**Vision: Excellence in Academic Pathology**

The APC envisions excellence in all missions of academic Pathology, to support continuous improvements in healthcare, medical education and research. The APC and its member departments will be leaders in and advocates for high quality, safe, equitable, affordable and accessible medical care, which is rendered by pathologist physicians and laboratory professionals who make up our “team.” Academic Pathologists will continue to lead medical innovation, discovery, implementation and dissemination of new scientific knowledge and technological advancements to improve our nation's health.

**Strategic Plan (2014-2020)**

The central themes of APC’s Strategic Plan are: 1) to maximize the opportunities of and contributions by components of the APC; 2) to promote the pathology community and academic medicine through a strategic approach; and 3) to lead and serve pathologists. At their January face-to-face meetings, APC Council will reflect on their Vision and Strategic Goals to formulate an annual list of Strategic Priorities. Concurrently, APC Council will review and evaluate operational efficacy and productivity, especially as it relates to achieving Strategic Priorities.

**Strategic Goals**

1. Promote transparency, collaboration, synergy and leadership within the APC, its members and pathology at large.
2. Lead and serve academic pathology through innovation in advocacy, education and communication.
3. Develop a strategic priority list that is flexible and regularly updated, to meet the rapidly changing professional, educational and research environment.
4. Catalyze change in academic pathology to meet or exceed the needs of patient safety and our evolving healthcare system.
5. Develop an operational strategy and organizational infrastructure to maximize efficiency and efficacy to achieve our strategic goals.