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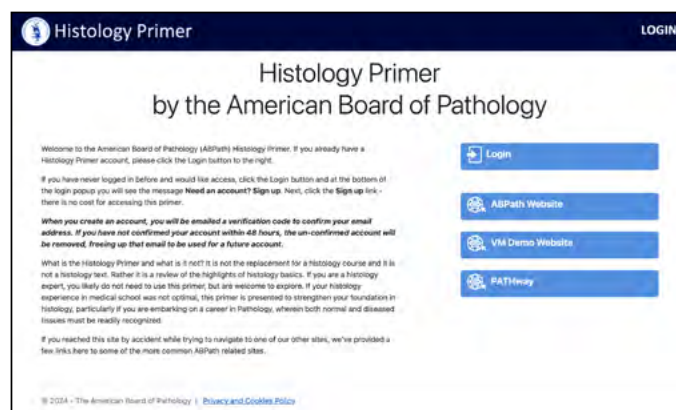


Gary Procop, MD, MS, MEd
Chief Executive Officer

WORDS FROM THE CEO

Milestones Met, Progress Made, and Future Directions

The American Board of Pathology (i.e., ABPath or the Board), under the thoughtful guidance of a diverse group of Trustees, has reached several milestones that deserve special mention. In addition to providing high-quality, psychometrically-sound assessments of candidates, the ABPath has done much to remove the veil of uncertainty regarding what is important for certification, and to help guide individuals in their preparations for assessment. Milestones that have been met include the publication of the *Histology Primer*, the inclusion of term changes and *Guidelines* and *Key Manuscripts* on the ABPath Website, and the publication of the draft version of the *ABPath Content Specifications*.



I do not believe that anyone would argue against the importance of strong foundational knowledge and skills onto which professional development (i.e., scaffolding) can occur. The ABPath Histology Primer (i.e., the Primer) was built primarily for incoming first-year residents, to help strengthen the foundational histologic knowledge and skills necessary for anatomic pathology training. The Primer went live early in 2024 and many program directors have incorporated it into their training programs, often in the “bootcamps” that are undertaken early in the academic year. To date, there are over 2,600 registered users of the Primer. ABPath was pleased to provide this free learning tool to support program directors and trainees; it is also free to medical students or any other learner interested in this space. Increasing transparency has been another significant effort of the Board.

There are longstanding blueprints for every examination given by ABPath. Although useful, these are very high-level views of the proportion of the content that will be delivered in the various examinations. Recent term changes, Guidelines and Key Manuscripts, and the publication of ABPath Content Specifications are initiatives that provide further guidance regarding the content ABPath deems relevant for certification and a safe and effective practice. Transparently communicating term changes helps to ensure that individuals do not erroneously answer a question simply because of a term change; this enhances the validity of our assessments. The Guidelines and Key Manuscripts are important, up-to-date ref-

erences that are useful not only for candidates preparing for their examinations but also for diplomates in practice to stay current. The year 2024 ended with the publication of the draft version of the extensive ABPath Content Specifications for all of our assessments. These will provide guidance for residents and fellows during training and for candidates as they prepare for certification exams.

Terminology Changes for 2025

The following terms may be seen on board certification exams and were updated to reflect changes in current guidelines. Terms are listed alphabetically by old term.

Old Term: Term was used in 2024 exams and prior.	New Term: Term will be used in 2025 exams and going forward.
Hürthle cell neoplasm (thyroid questions only)	oncocytic cell neoplasm
Monkey pox	Mpox
pituitary adenoma	PitNET/adenoma
sloughing esophagitis	esophagitis dissecans superficialis
thrombotic thrombocytopenia (TTP)	thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP)

Terminology Changes for 2024

Old Term: Term was used in 2023 exams and prior.	New Term: Term will be used in 2024 exams and going forward.
abused	misused
alcoholic	person with alcohol use disorder
alcoholism	alcohol use disorder
allergic esophagitis	eosinophilic esophagitis
angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia	epithelioid hemangioma

As we enter the New Year, we carry forward the resolutions and projects from previous years. We continue to optimize and strengthen the ABPath Continuing Certification program. The quality assessment and quality improvement initiatives of the ABPath Continuing Certification Program is almost complete. These process improvements will help to ensure that the content present in ABPath CertLink is current and relevant to practice. New opportunities, including the use of large language models, are being explored that will facilitate the introduction of new and recently published material into the ABPath CertLink program. The Trustees will continue to explore in-training assessment possibilities, with the first pilot scheduled for this year. Finally, the Board will continue its exploration of alternate forms of assessment, particularly those that will more directly measure competency and to explore alternate methods of assessment, particularly those that address the assessment of competency.



Gary W. Procop, MD, MS, MEd
ABPath CEO

2025 AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY LEADERSHIP

The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) announced its 2025 Board of Trustees and the election of the Executive Committee.

Board of Trustees



*Pictured from left to right: front row—Ritu Nayar, MD; Mark K. Fung, MD, PhD; Barbara A. Sampson, MD, PhD; Mohiedean Ghofrani, MD, MBA; Kathleen G. Beavis, MD; Julie D. Kingery, MD; Jennifer Laudadio, MD
Back row— Javarro Russell, PhD; Dylan V. Miller, MD; Jeffrey D. Goldstein, MD; Matthew J. Wasco, MD; Edward R. Ashwood, MD; ABPath CEO Gary W. Procop, MD, MS, MEd; James R. Cook, MD, PhD*

The newly elected Executive Committee includes:

- President** Mohiedean Ghofrani, MD, MBA, Vancouver, WA
- Vice President** Kathleen G. Beavis, MD, Chicago, IL
- Secretary** Matthew J. Wasco, MD, Ann Arbor, MI
- Treasurer** Mark K. Fung, MD, PhD, Burlington, VT
- Immediate Past President** ... Barbara A. Sampson, MD, PhD, New York, NY

Congratulations to the following Trustees who were re-elected to additional terms as Trustees:

- Kathleen G. Beavis, MD to a 3rd term
- Jeffrey D. Goldstein, MD to a 4th term
- Ritu Nayar, MD to a 4th term

In addition to the Officers, Trustees of the American Board of Pathology are:

Edward R. Ashwood, MD, Aurora, CO
James R. Cook, MD, PhD, Cleveland, OH
Jeffrey D. Goldstein, MD, Los Angeles, CA
Julie D. Kingery, MD, Gainesville, FL
Jennifer Laudadio, MD, Little Rock, AR
Dylan V. Miller, MD, Salt Lake City, UT
Ritu Nayar, MD, Chicago, IL
Javarro Russell, PhD, Richmond, VA

We would also like to express appreciation for the valuable contributions of Eric Glassy, MD, who completed his term in 2024. Dr. Glassy's expertise in digital pathology and emerging technologies has greatly contributed to advancing board certification in pathology. ABPath president, Dr. Barbara Sampson, presented Dr. Glassy with his Trustee Resolution at the Fall 2024 Board of Trustees meeting.

For a complete list of Trustees and their biographical information visit <https://abpath.org/board-of-trustees/>.



Dylan V. Miller, MD

Dylan V. Miller, MD Joins ABPath Board

The Trustees of the American Board of Pathology welcomed Dr. Dylan V. Miller to serve on the Board of Trustees. His term began January 1, 2025.

Dr. Miller is a Professor of Pathology at the University of Utah School of Medicine and the Director of Anatomic Pathology at Intermountain Central Laboratory, which serves Intermountain Healthcare's multistate hospital system. He practices with a private group at Intermountain Medical Center in Salt Lake City. Dr. Miller earned his MD from the University of Utah School of Medicine and completed his residency and surgical pathology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Dr. Miller is board-certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and is participating in the Continuing Certification Program. As a Trustee, he will serve as Vice Chairperson, Joint Policy Committee for Dermatopathology and Vice Chairperson of the Dermatopathology Test Development and Advisory Committee.

Dr. Miller is widely published, particularly in cardiovascular, transplant, and autopsy pathology. He has authored numerous book chapters and co-edited textbooks on cardiovascular and hospital autopsy pathology. He currently serves as President of the Utah Society for Pathology, Chair of the CAP Immunohistochemistry Committee, and previously chaired the CAP Autopsy Committee. He is also the Secretary of the Society for Cardiovascular Pathology.



Dr. Ritu Nayar at Houston Methodist Hospital

ABPath Speakers Bureau

ABPath's strong leadership is complemented by meaningful engagement and connections with the pathology community through our extensive outreach efforts.

In 2023, the Trustees Speakers Bureau program was redesigned and relaunched to directly engage with pathology training programs. ABPath Trustees or the ABPath CEO visit programs either in person or virtually to provide an overview of the Board, updates on Board initiatives, and answer questions about board certification. The goal is to visit each program once every four years in an effort to connect with each resident before their completion of training. Programs will be contacted by the Board to schedule presentations.

ABPath Trustees and CEO had the pleasure of visiting the following programs since its reintroduction in 2023:



Dr. Ritu Nayar at University of Alabama

*Baylor College of Medicine
Beth Israel Deaconess MC/Harvard
Case Western Reserve University (MetroHealth)
Emory University
Los Angeles County-Harbor-UCLA Med Center
Loyola University
Mass General Brigham
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine (Rochester)
McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern
MedStar Health/Georgetown University Hospital
Methodist Hospital (Houston)
Oregon Health Sciences University
Pennsylvania Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Health System
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Stony Brook Medicine/University Hospital
SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn
SUNY Upstate Medical University
UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine/UCLA Medical Center
University at Buffalo
University of Alabama Medical Center
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
University of California (Irvine)
University of Chicago (Northshore)
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Denver
University of Florida*

*University of Kansas Medical Center
University of Massachusetts
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi Medical Center
University of Pennsylvania Health System
University of South Alabama
University of Southern California/LAC+USC MC
University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
University of Toledo
University of Vermont Medical Center
University of Washington
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at Lenox Hill Hospital Program
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at Staten Island University Hospital*



Dr. Barbara Sampson at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center



Dr. Barbara Sampson at SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn



Dr. Eric Glassy at Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania



Dr. Jennifer Laudadio at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.



Dr. Jeffrey Goldstein at UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine.

MEET OUR STAFF



John Lemke

Continuing Certification Coordinator

Behind every successful certification program are dedicated professionals who make it all possible. We would like to introduce John Lemke, our Continuing Certification Coordinator, whose work ensures our diplomates receive dedicated support throughout their certification journey.

As the Continuing Certification (CC) Program Coordinator since August 2016, John applies his analytical background in Economics and MBA education to manage the program's operations. He oversees the implementation of Board CC policies while maintaining communication with our diplomates about CC Program requirements and deadlines.

Beyond his professional contributions, John exemplifies the spirit of community building that ABPath values. As an elder in his church, he actively serves his local community. His passion for bringing people together extends to two successful initiatives he founded: a monthly ethnic cuisine exploration group and a community walking club that promotes both health and social connections.

A self-described "history buff" and Formula 1 racing enthusiast, John's wide range of interests shapes his approach to problem-solving and diplomate support at ABPath.



*John Lemke
Continuing Certification
Coordinator*

ABPath Staff



Pictured from left to right:

Front row: Mary Pyfrom, Geri Wills, Renee Holder, Anthony Schlinsog, Ty McCarthy, Dr. Gary W. Procop, Josie Santos, Kasey Williamson, Gabriela Lago,

Back row: Colette Earnest, John Lemke, Tyler Sandersfeld, Nick Parrucci, Lily Veith, Alissa Eagle, Amanda Zombro, Bonnie Woodworth

ABPATH NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Building on our commitment to supporting pathologists throughout their careers, we continue to expand our resources for exam candidates and diplomates.



Content Specifications for Certification Exams

In November, the first drafts of the comprehensive [Content Specifications](#) documents were released for public review. We want to thank the pathology community for taking the time to share your valuable feedback. The feedback we received during the public comment period is being carefully compiled and forwarded to the respective Test Development and Advisory Committees (TDACs) for review and final editing. This collaborative approach reflects our commitment to an inclusive review of certification materials and our deep appreciation of our stakeholders as essential partners in the certification process.

Many of the Member Boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties have detailed content guidance documents for residents and fellows preparing for certification and practice. Following this established practice, ABPath developed these guiding documents to support pathology trainees in their preparation for certification and practice.

This initiative represents over eighteen months of dedicated work by the Test Development and Advisory Committees, Trustees, and ABPath Staff. We thank these incredible volunteers for their time and expertise. We encourage residents and fellows to use the Content Specifications as a general study guide for the 2025 certification exams but recognize this is not the final version of the documents.

Guidelines and Key Manuscripts

In November, we introduced a new resource for pathologists on the ABPath website, [Guidelines and Key Manuscripts](#). This curated collection offers essential references and guidelines across various pathology subspecialties, supporting both trainees and practicing pathologists in their studies and practice.

This collection is assembled by the American Board of Pathology, with input from its Test Development and Advisory Committees and Cooperating Societies, and reflects resources that may be particularly valuable for professional development. Please note that these materials are offered as potentially beneficial resources and do not constitute endorsements by the ABPath. While textbooks are generally excluded, a few exceptions are included.

We invite you to explore the Guidelines and Key Manuscripts page and incorporate these resources into your continuing education. If you have suggestions for other guidelines or manuscripts that may be useful to include, please contact us at Questions@abpath.org.

[Access the new Guidelines and Key Manuscripts page here.](#)

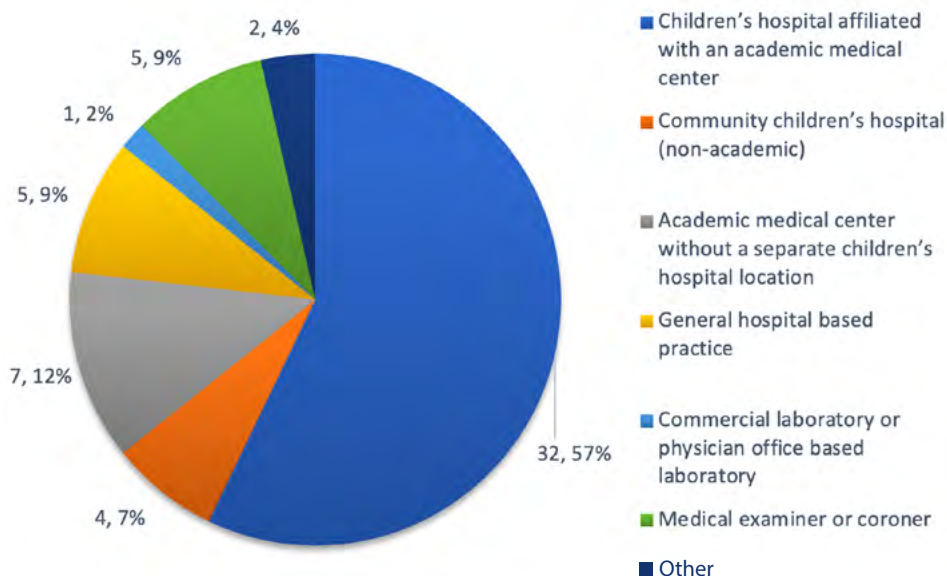
2022-23 Practice and Training Survey— Pediatric Pathology Fellowship Summary

Understanding the evolving landscape of pathology training helps us better serve our community, as evidenced by our latest survey findings. The 2023 edition of the American Board of Pathology’s (ABPath’s) Practice and Training Survey was completed by 56 respondents who indicated that they had finished a pediatric pathology fellowship, with most holding a Pediatric Pathology (PP) Subspecialty certification.

Respondents were first asked about their current primary practice settings, as illustrated in the pie chart below, which displays the number and percentage of respondents in each setting.

Notably, general pediatric pathology emerged as the practice area most likely to comprise at least half of one’s professional time.

Primary Practice Settings of Pediatric Pathology Fellows



The survey delved into various training aspects, beginning with placental and perinatal pathology. Most respondents said this training was integrated into the broader fellowship curriculum. Most respondents participated in more than 20 fetal exams, while no respondents claimed to have never participated in a fetal exam, and they agreed that they saw enough fetal and placental cases to adequately prepare them for professional practice. Similar patterns emerged in pediatric neuropathology training where most respondents indicated that this training was integrated into the respondents' other training. Although, most respondents participated in at least ten pediatric neuropathology intraoperative consultations during their fellowship training; they disagreed that they saw enough pediatric neuropathology cases to prepare them for practice.

Autopsy training showed more positive outcomes. Most respondents said they were provided with the ACGME requirement of 40 pediatric autopsies, presented autopsy cases to at least one autopsy review multidisciplinary conference, and felt they performed enough pediatric autopsies to prepare them for practice.

When asked about potential gaps in their fellowship training, the majority of respondents did not identify any areas of their pediatric pathology fellowship training that were insufficient to prepare them for their current professional activities in pediatric pathology. However, a few specific areas were identified as potentially needing more attention, including:

- Independent sign out
- Exposure to tumors, bone, soft tissue and lymphomas
- FNA smear preparation and adequacy assessment
- Interpretation of electron microscopy.

Release of 2023 Annual Report

In July 2024, we released the American Board of Pathology's 2023 Annual Report.

This comprehensive report showcases the program highlights and accomplishments of the past year, 2023 exam results, and a listing of ABPath volunteers and diplomates certified with their primary certification in 2023. Explore the full report to celebrate the dedication and achievements within the pathology community.

[Read the 2023 Annual Report here.](#)

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

LIST OF SOCIETIES

Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists

American Association of Neuropathologists

American Medical Association Pathology Section Council

American Society for Clinical Pathology

American Society of Dermatopathology

American Society for Investigative Pathology

American Society of Cytopathology

Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies

Association for Molecular Pathology

Association for Pathology Informatics

Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology

Association for Academic Pathology

College of American Pathologists

National Association of Medical Examiners

Society for Cardiovascular Pathology

Society for Hematopathology

Society for Pediatric Pathology

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology

Our Cooperating Societies

The strength of our certification programs relies not only on internal excellence but also on robust partnerships with Cooperating Societies across the pathology community.

There are 18 Cooperating Societies that ABPath collaborates with to identify and address issues of importance to the profession of pathology. Through these valuable relationships, our Cooperating Societies support diplomates in their life-long learning and improvement in practice, their participation in Continuing Certification, and documenting their participation in educational and quality assessment activities.



COLLEGE of AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS



Society for Hematopathology



American Association of Neuropathologists



STRONGERTOGETHER



Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF Cytopathology



Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies



The ABPath would like to especially thank the AAPath, ASCP, CAP, and USCAP for their support of ABPath exhibit booths at their annual meetings. Be sure to visit us at the next meeting!

Last May, ABPath invited our Cooperating Societies to join our annual Spring meeting for an opportunity to collaborate and discuss important topics. This year's meeting was focused on competency-based assessment in pathology. We appreciate the valuable feedback of our partners to help shape the future of assessment for board certification.

New Cooperating Society Members

We would like to welcome the *Association for Pathology Informatics* (API) and the *Society for Cardiovascular Pathology* (SCVP) as the most recent additions of the Cooperating Societies with the ABPath.

The API is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to advance pathology informatics. Pathology Informatics has been increasing in importance as the demand for, and development of, information systems and technology continue to address healthcare industry needs. Beginning with the collection, processing, and analysis of patient specimens, the field of pathology, as a whole, generates significant amounts of data that require careful interpretation and reliable distribution to fulfill the core mission of supporting patient care.

The SCVP is devoted to the advancement of the study of cardiovascular disorders. Founded in 1985, the society has grown from a small collaborative group to a leading interdisciplinary organization, bringing together physicians and scientists. Its members are united by a shared commitment to advancing the study of cardiovascular disease, and establishing cardiovascular pathology as a critical and dynamic medical specialty through collaborative research, education, and professional exchange.





VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

None of our achievements would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, who deserve special recognition. Volunteers for the ABPath contribute their time and expertise in support of our mission and promote excellence in the practice of pathology. We thank them for their selfless dedication.

View a complete list of current [ABPath committee members](#).



2024 Test Development and Advisory Committees

The TDACs are responsible for developing and reviewing the ABPath certification exam questions that assess a physician’s knowledge, judgment, and skills to provide high-quality care to patients. Each committee is chaired by an ABPath Trustee and consists of recognized subject matter experts who are leaders in their field. They spend many hours throughout the year in service to our profession and certification programs.

The newest TDAC members beginning in 2025 are:

- Anatomic Pathology – Sean Williamson, MD
- Anatomic Pathology ABPath CertLink – Jason Jarzembowski, MD
- Blood Banking / Transfusion Medicine – Yossi Schwartz, MD
- Chemical Pathology – Melkon DomBourian, MD
- Dermatopathology – Olayemi “Yemi” Sokumbi, MD
- Forensic Pathology – Daniel Dye, MD
- Management and Informatics – Rajesh Dash, MD
- Medical Microbiology – Sixto Leal, MD and Christina Wojewoda, MD
- Molecular Genetic Pathology – Mary-Katherine “Katie” Rudd, PhD
- Neuropathology – Aivi Nguyen, MD
- Pediatric Pathology – Jennifer Black, MD



Hematopathology



Medical Microbiology



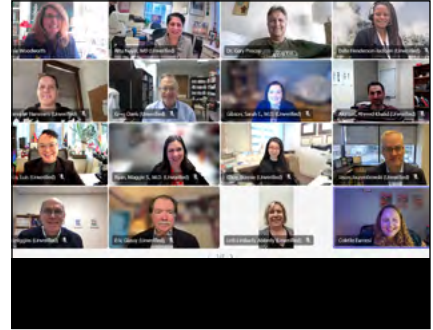
Neuropathology



Molecular Genetic Pathology



Anatomic Pathology



Anatomic Pathology ABPath CertLink



Management and Informatics



Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine



Clinical Pathology ABPath CertLink



Dermatopathology



Forensic Pathology



Pediatric Pathology



Chemical Pathology



Cytopathology

CC Advisory Committee

Continuing Certification

Continuing Certification (CC) Advisory Committee

The CC Advisory Committee is made up of 13 volunteer diplomates with diverse backgrounds, specialties, and experience and is chaired by an ABPath Trustee, currently Dr. Julie Kingery. It is responsible for advising the ABPath Board of Trustees for continuous evaluation and improvement of Continuing Certification from a diplomate's perspective. Each member serves for three years on the Committee.



Beginning in 2025, the Committee will be referred to as the Diplomate Advisory Committee since the scope of the work goes beyond Continuing Certification, and advisement from the committee is on many aspects of board certification for diplomates.

Resident & Fellow Advisory Committee

Resident and Fellow Advisory Committee

The Committee is made up of 11 pathology residents and fellows to provide feedback and suggestions for improvement to ABPath about the board certification process and ways to best support pathology residents and fellows in the certification journey. The committee is chaired by AB-Path CEO, Dr. Gary W. Procop.



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*Promoting Excellence in the
Practice of Pathology*



ABPCL Item Writers

The ABPCL Item Writers share their expertise by writing questions (items) for the ABPath CertLink® longitudinal assessment. Their contributions have helped to enrich and refine the program. We thank them for all they do to support professional development in pathology.

We would like to acknowledge the following Item Writers for providing exceptional support to ABPCL by contributing questions for ABPath CertLink® in 2024.



**OUR BEST
CONTRIBUTORS**



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Gold Level Contributor

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Jatin S. Gandhi, MD

If you are a board-certified pathologist and would like to find out more, please email Colette Earnest at cearnest@abpath.org.

ABPath would like to thank Pathology Outlines for supplying images to be used in ABPCL. Pathology Outlines provides useful professional information to practicing Pathologists and laboratory personnel free of charge. We appreciate their support in lifelong learning for pathologists through ABPCL, ABPath's online longitudinal assessment platform.

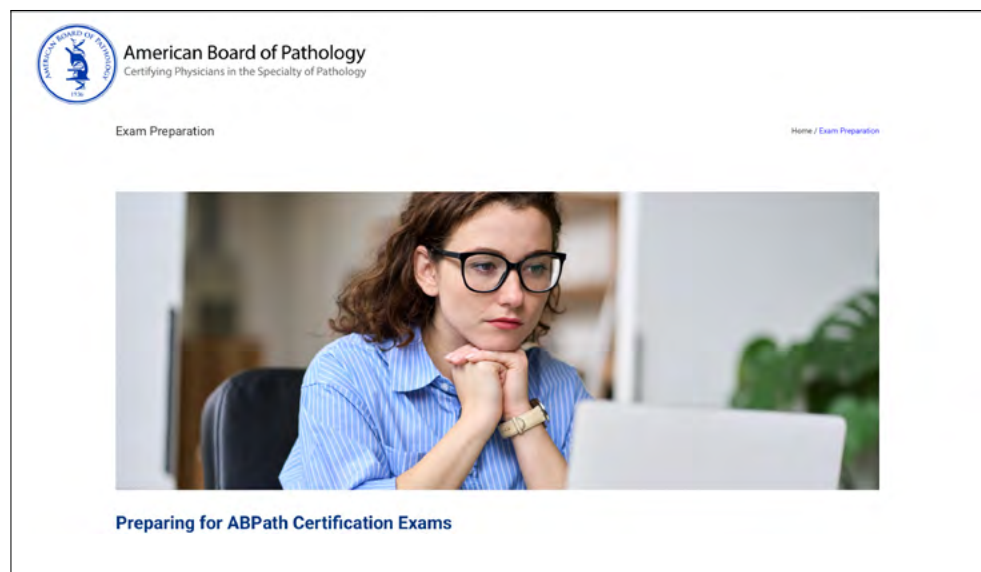
PREPARING FOR BOARD CERTIFICATION EXAMS

At the core of ABPath's mission lies our commitment to excellence in board certification in pathology. We continually strive to provide candidates with comprehensive resources and clear guidance for this important milestone in their careers.

Helpful Exam Resources

The following exam resources can be found at <https://abpath.org/exam-preparation/>

- Exam Descriptions
- Content Specifications and Exam Blueprints
- Daily Exam Schedules
- Terminology Information
- Guidelines and Key Manuscripts
- Virtual Microscopy Practice Site
- Practice Tutorial for Certification Exams
- Sample Exam Questions





Pearson VUE Professional Test Centers

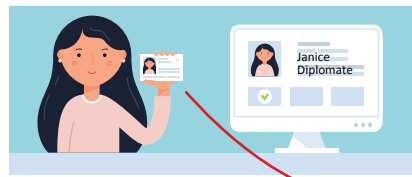
For general information on scheduling an exam appointment and what to expect at Pearson VUE Professional Test Centers visit the ABPath website.

Important Dates

Be sure to check out important dates and deadlines for Primary and Sub-specialty exams. They can be found on the ABPath website at <https://abpath.org/get-certified/>.

General Reminders

- Candidates’ first and last names in PATHway must match the first and last names on the two forms of ID they will show to enter the exam on their scheduled day. If they do not match, notify ABPath as soon as possible.
- Candidates need to be sure their primary email address in PATHway is current. This is where they will receive important exam information from ABPath and Pearson VUE.



First & Last Names on 2 IDs must match names in PATHway

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY
A Member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties

Welcome to PATHway

Last Name: Janice | First Name: Diplomat | Middle Name: | Former Last Name: |

Suffix: | Degree: | Gender: | Ethnicity: Are you of Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin? |

Primary Email: (All Board correspondence will be sent to this email address. ABPath recommends using your personal email.)
elfglassymd@mac.com

Secondary Email:

Before the Exam

Cancelling an Examination

Cancellation Policy for Primary and Subspecialty Exams

If a candidate chooses to cancel their examination(s) they must cancel by the cancellation date for the exam(s) they will be taking. Please refer to the ABPath website, for cancellation dates.

If a candidate cancels the exam(s) on or before the cancellation date, ABPath will refund the application fee minus a \$500 cancellation fee.

Spring Primary Cancellation Deadline - February 15
Fall Primary Cancellation Deadline - July 29
Subspecialty Cancellation Deadline - June 15

If a candidate applying for the combined APQP examination chooses to cancel one portion (AII or CII) of the examinations, there will be no refund of the fee.

If the following occurs, a candidate will forfeit the entire examination fee:

- Candidate cancels after the cancellation deadline date.
- Candidate registers for an exam(s) with ABPath and does not schedule an exam date with Pearson VUE by the scheduling deadline date.
- Candidate does not appear for the scheduled examination(s) on the scheduled exam date(s).

If you choose to cancel your examination(s) you must notify the ABPath by email at Mary@abpath.org for the Primary certification exam(s) or Renee@abpath.org for Subspecialty certification exam(s).

Cancellation Policy

If a candidate chooses to cancel their examinations(s) they must cancel by the cancellation date for the exam(s) for which they are registered. Please refer to the ABPath website, for cancellation dates. The full [cancellation policy](#) can be found on the ABPath website.

Accommodation Requests

All requests for accommodations, including those for nursing mothers, must be made to ABPath. Please make requests before scheduling opens for your particular exam(s). For Primary exams, contact Mary@abpath.org and for Subspecialty exams, contact Renee@abpath.org.

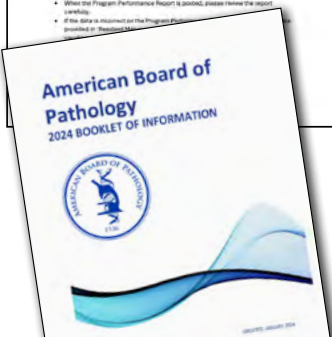
TRAINING PROGRAMS INFORMATION AND RESOURCES



The following information and more can be found on the ABPath [Program Director and Program Coordinator page](#).

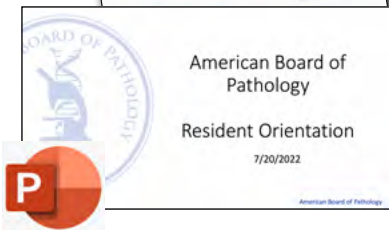
Program Performance Reports

The Program Performance Reports were released in January 2025 for residents and fellows who took exams in 2024. The reports include summarized information from the previous seven years. Please review program performance reports and check for inaccuracies. If inaccuracies are noted, please contact mary@abpath.org immediately. Performance Reports cannot be corrected after Feb. 28.



ABPath Booklet of Information

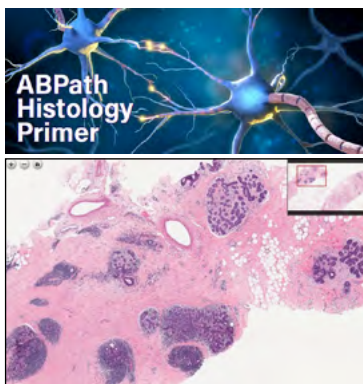
The [Booklet of information](#) is the primary source for policies, procedures, and requirements for board certification in pathology. Residents and Fellows should review the booklet each year.



Resident Orientation Presentation

ABPath created a PowerPoint presentation to provide a basic overview of board certification through ABPath. We encourage Program Directors to present it to their residents during their training. The presentation is available on YouTube and as a PowerPoint presentation. Both formats can be found on the ABPath website on the Program Directors page. Complete certification requirement details can be found in the [Booklet of Information](#).

Click to download the PPT file



Histology Primer

The Histology Primer offers easy-to-navigate learning modules with written text and mini-lectures with slides. At the end of each module, residents can test their knowledge with a short quiz. The Primer also offers an opportunity for them to become familiar with using virtual microscopy, the digital viewing of microscopic images, like those used in board certification exams. Resident should create their account at <https://histologyprimer.abpath.org/>

Honor Code and Professionalism

Applicants sign an Honor Code when applying for certification. This is a legally binding contract between the physician and the ABPath. Read and/or download the [Honor Code Statement](#).



CONTINUING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (CC) UPDATES



New Diplomates

Congratulations to the new diplomates certified in 2024! New diplomates received an email in December welcoming them to the CC Program, including ABPath Certlink®. The email was sent to the primary email address we have on file in PATHway.

For more information about the CC Program, visit the [New Diplomates](#) page on the ABPath website.

For diplomates interested in Subspecialty certification, please check the ABPath website for [Subspecialty application dates and deadlines](#). Email reminders about application availability are not sent out. Please reference the website for important dates and deadlines.

CC Program Reminders

Reporting Forms

- Reporting Forms are due for those certified in odd years on Dec 31, 2025. Reminder: you must participate in ABPCL and complete the Reporting Form to fulfill the CC Program requirements.

Annual fee reminder

- The CC Program fee is paid annually. Pay your annual fee of \$150 by December 31, 2025. For those certified in 2024, your first annual fee will be due in December 2025.

CertLink® Reminders

- Diplomates can take up to 2 sabbaticals in a 2-year reporting period, questions are not scored during a sabbatical. Contact ABPath to request a [sabbatical](#).
- Missed quarters/unanswered questions are scored as incorrect. Scores will impact ABPCL performance.
- Non-time-limited diplomates may participate in ABPCL at no cost to the diplomate and it will not affect lifetime certification(s) nor put original certificate(s) in jeopardy of expiration.

CME Reminders

- Update on CME for ABPCL—Diplomates may claim credits for 2023 until March 31, 2025, for participation in ABPCL.
- CME for ABPCL for 2024—Diplomates can now claim credit for 2024. To claim credit visit the [ABPath website](#).



ABMS AND CERTIFICATION INNOVATION

ABPath CEO Dr. Gary Procop, Ms. Elysia McGowan, American Board of Dermatology, and Ms. Jennifer Michael, ABMS, presented *Beyond Recertification: Maximizing the Potential of Longitudinal Assessments* at The Institute for Credentialing Excellence #EXG2024 in Miami, FL. The presentation was very well received and sparked a lot of interest.

ABPath Staff and Trustees attended the ABMS Annual Meeting in September for discussions on Transforming Certification for Better Care, and ABPath Psychometrician Tyler Sandersfeld, PhD presented a poster on *Learning Through Longitudinal Assessment*.

EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



The ABPath uses criterion-referenced scoring for its certification examinations. Setting the criterion standard for each exam is performed every 3-5 years. The number of candidates passing the examinations may not match the number of candidates certified for several reasons:

1. Some AP/CP candidates, both first-time takers and repeaters, take only one portion (either AP or CP) of the examination. These candidates are not certified until both AP and CP are passed.
2. Certified candidates include AP/CP candidates who passed either the AP or CP examination previously and requested single certification during the reporting year.
3. Certified candidates also include candidates who passed the examinations in a previous year but did not provide documentation of licensure or other required information until the reporting year.

See the ABPath Website for examination information.

Primary Certification Examinations

2024 Primary Examination

	Total Candidates			First-Time Takers			Repeaters		
	#	# Pass	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass
AP	686	519	76%	551	473	86%	135	46	34%
CP	574	483	84%	527	467	89%	47	16	34%

5-Year Certified Report

Primary	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
AACP	397	533	500	477	427
AP only	73	105	100	75	71
CP only	25	55	54	55	50
APNP	8	17	7	5	10

Primary Exam Pass Rates (% Pass = Spring exam pass rate)

Primary	2020 % Pass	2021 % Pass	2022 % Pass	2023 % Pass	2024 % Pass
AP only	85	82	87*	84	81
CP only	88	94	94*	94	88

*New criterion standard applied

Subspecialty Certification Examinations

2024 Subspecialty Examinations

	Total Candidates			First-Time Takers			Repeaters		
	#	# Pass	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass
BB/TM	56	49	88	53	48	91	3	1	33
CH	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	-
CI	34	25	74	31	24	77	3	1	33
CY	106	87	82	93	80	86	13	7	54
DP	44	40	91	39	35	90	5	5	100
FP	67	58	87	64	56	88	3	2	67
HP	136	128	94	126	121	96	10	7	70
MB	8	6	75	8	6	75	-	-	-
MG	56	44	79	55	44	80	1	0	0
NP	30	30	100	28	28	100	2	2	100
PP	17	14	82	16	14	88	1	0	0
FPclinMB*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

*FPclinMB = Focus Practice Designation-Clinical Microbiology

5-Year Certified Report

Subspecialty	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
BB/TM	39	39	29	58	49
CH	2	-	-	-	0
CI	17	27	25	17	25
CY	104	109	115	117	87
DP	34	41	43	45	40
FP	47	38	53	55	58
HP	116	108	110	133	129
MB	6	18	10	11	6
MG	48	49	51	59	44
NP	17	11	16	21	20
PP	16	20	18	21	14
FPclinMB*	1	-	-	-	-

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Subspecialty Examinations Pass Rates

Subspecialty	2020 % Pass	2021 % Pass	2022 % Pass	2023 % Pass	2024 % Pass
BB/TM	89*	81	62	97	88
CH	100	-	-	-	0
CI	89	77	66	77	74
CY	86*	86	83	89	82
DP	95	87	93*	90	91
FP	89*	95	98	90*	87
HP	94*	94	90	94	94
MB	100	100	85*	100*	75
MG	98*	94	84	95*	79
NP	100	90	92*	96*	100
PP	89	91	82*	88	82
FPclinMB**	100	-	-	-	-

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EXAMINATION DATES FOR 2025



Exams (Pearson VUE)	2025 Dates
Anatomic / Clinical Pathology	
Spring	May 12 - June 7
Fall	October 6-20
Subspecialty	
Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine	September 8-27
Chemical Pathology	September 8-27
Cytopathology	September 8-27
Dermatopathology	September 8-27
Hematopathology	September 8-27
Forensic Pathology	September 8-27
Medical Microbiology	September 8-27
Molecular Genetic Pathology	September 8-27
Neuropathology	September 8-27
Pediatric Pathology	September 8-27
Clinical Informatics (Pearson VUE)	October

FEEDBACK WELCOME



Have an idea for the Newsletter? Want to contribute to improving ABPath CertLink®?

We welcome your feedback and ideas.

Make your certification—and your voice—count!

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