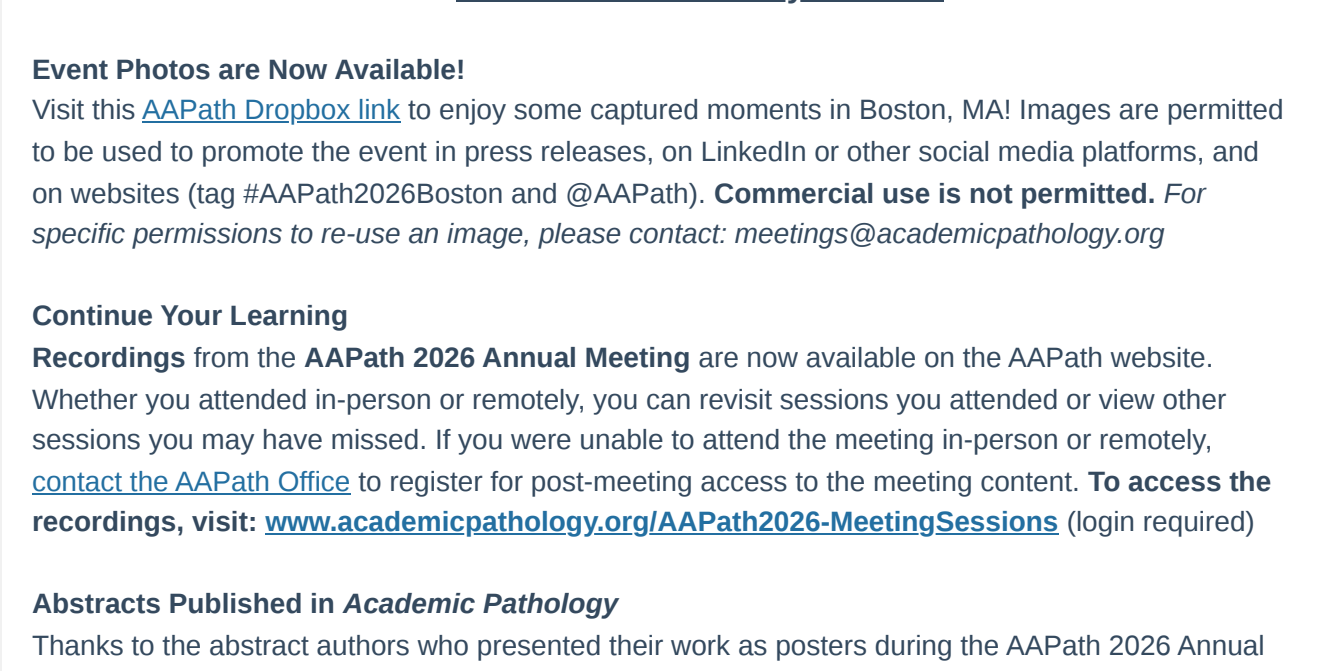


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AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting



AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting
Meeting Session Recordings & Photos Now Available,
Plus Submit CME Claims by Oct. 31st

Event Photos are Now Available!
Visit this [AAPath Dropbox](#) link to enjoy some captured moments in Boston, MA! Images are permitted to be used to promote the event in press releases, on LinkedIn or other social media platforms, and on websites (tag #AAPath2026Boston and @AAPath). Commercial use is not permitted. To access the recordings, visit [www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-MeetingSessions](#) (login required).

Continue Your Learning
Recordings from the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting are now available on the AAPath website. Whether you attended in person or remotely, you can revisit sessions you attended or view other sessions you may have missed. If you were unable to attend the meeting in person or remotely, [contact the AAPath Office](#) to register for post-meeting access to the meeting content. To access the recordings, visit [www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-MeetingSessions](#) (login required).

Abstracts Published in Academic Pathology
Thanks to the abstract authors who presented their work as posters during the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting, View the conference abstracts published as a [supplement in Academic Pathology](#), and view each poster in the [AAPath 2026 Meeting Sessions](#) webpage (registrant login required).

Claim Your CME Credits
AAPath is pleased to offer up to **38.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** for eligible educational sessions presented during the Annual Meeting. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation. Submit your online CME evaluation and credit claim by **October 31, 2026**. The **CME Tracker**, online claim form, additional CME information, and required disclosures are available at: [www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-CME](#). For those who submitted claims through August, you will receive your certificates by email by mid-September.

THANK YOU!
We hope you continue enjoying the outstanding educational content from this year's meeting and welcome forward to welcoming you to the **69th AAPath Annual Meeting**, July 18-21, 2027, at the **Fairmont San Francisco** in San Francisco, California!

Did you attend the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting? Share your experience with #AAPath2026Boston!

[Watch On-Demand Sessions](#)

AAPath Membership Renewals

2027 AAPath Membership Renewals
Renew your membership by December 31, 2026!

The **2027 AAPath membership renewal season is now underway!** Designated department representatives have been emailed renewal instructions – please review your dues invoice and ensure your membership roster is up to date. To update your roster at any time year, instructions and FAQs can be found at: [www.academicpathology.org/membership-renewals](#).

Your department dues rate provides access to **education, training, resources, and networking opportunities**, including membership to Section listservs, for chairs and chairs elect (through the **Class Section**), residency program directors (through **PRODS**), medical student educators (through **UMEDS**), department executive administrators (through **AFEX**), and GME program coordinators and administrators (through **GME-AS**), and other professionals in our academic affinity groups.

Faculty and staff not currently part of an AAPath Section or Affinity Group may be eligible for our General Membership category, renewable annually on their membership anniversary.

Questions about renewals, rosters, or General Membership? Please contact: [info@academicpathology.org](#).

We hope you enjoy the community and the other benefits of AAPath membership, as we strive to better serve the entire you in less than 1 year. For more information about the important work of AAPath's Section committees, please contact the **69th AAPath Annual Meeting**, July 18-21, 2027, at the **Fairmont San Francisco** in San Francisco, California; please visit the [website](#), and read the [monthly e-News!](#)

Advocacy Actions

Advocacy Update
From the desk of AAPath's Deputy Director, Lydia P. Howell, MD

We are seeking your input regarding two current advocacy opportunities! Your opinion and experience are important to shaping AAPath's response – we want to be sure to reflect the views of our membership. Please send your comments, ideas, and stories to [AAPath Deputy Director Lydia Howell](#) ([howell@academicpathology.org](#)) by **September 7, 2026**:

Updating CLIA regulations, Request for Information (RFI), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are seeking comments from stakeholders on updates to the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) in order to inform future rule-making. This request aligns with legislation proposed by Representative Neil Dunn, Enhancing CLIA of 2026. The intent is to address new technologies which did not exist when the current CLIA was instituted and also clarify jurisdiction of lab-developed tests (LDTs). As you may remember, AAPath and other laboratory organizations emphasized the need for CLIA reform in written responses to the FDA's proposed rule to treat LDTs like medical devices almost two years ago.

Topics of interest include:

- **Breath testing** – how to regulate emerging clinical breath analysis methods.
- **Laboratory processes and procedures** – including AI validation of **Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs)** by use of artificial intelligence (AI) in result interpretation, and i) regulation of "data-only" facilities (e.g., digital pathology, genetic data analysis).
- **Emergency preparedness, biosafety, biosecurity, and cybersecurity** – adapting lab safety and security to modern threats.
- **Specialty testing areas** – evolving test categories and technologies.

For more information on this RFI, please see the following links:

- [Federal Register: Request for Information: Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 \(CLIA\) Regulations](#)
- [Rep. Dunn Introduces Bill to Enhance Innovation in Clinical Labs | U.S. Representative Neil Dunn](#)
- [ACLA Statement on Introduction of the Enhancing Clinical Laboratory Innovation and Access Act \(Enhancing CLIA Act\) of 2026 – American Clinical Laboratory Association](#)

Proposed Changes to Reporting Outcomes from NIH Peer Review: This proposal would maintain current review and the current scoring system; however, scores would not be released and would instead be replaced with three categories (Most competitive, Competitive, not discussed). The intent is to align with the NIH Unified Funding Strategy as well as other agencies such as NSF, USDA, eliminate artificial paylines, and allow more focus on substantive critiques. Concerns have been raised about transparency, ability of scientists to receive adequate input for revisions, and potential political influence.

More information on this proposal is available at:

- [Your Feedback Wanted on Proposed Changes to Reporting Peer Review Outcomes for Applications | Grants & Funding](#)
- [NIH Proposes Big Change in how Grant Applications Evaluated](#)
- [NIH plan to keep peer-review scores for grants secret draws concern | AAAS](#)

Early in August, AAPath submitted a response to the **NIH proposal** to cap the number of simultaneous research project grants per principle investigator. Briefly, our response noted that AAPath supports the proposal's underlying intent to increase opportunity for early-career investigators and enhance basic research, however, we pointed out that equally counting all funding mechanisms undermines these goals and would adversely impact submissions to exploratory grants leading to less innovation, not more. We also noted that PIs are not interchangeable and that the proposed strategy of switching out PIs to accommodate new grants within the cap was not only feasible and would potentially harm mentorship and learning opportunities. AAPath's entire response is available at: [www.academicpathology.org/statements](#).

AAPath is proud to serve as the voice of academic pathology and advocate on the issues you care about – to adequately represent our membership we need your opinions and stories. We look forward to hearing from you!

Member Awards

Call for AAPath Member Award Nominations

Nominations are **NOW OPEN** for AAPath's 2027 Service Awards – help us recognize outstanding leaders and colleagues who make a difference in academic pathology. [Submit a nomination by December 31, 2026](#).

AAPath annually honors leaders in academic pathology, past and present, through the following awards:

- [Association for Academic Pathology Distinguished Service Award](#)
- [Margaret Gimes Distinguished Achievement Award in Graduate Medical Education](#)
- [Michèle Finkle Distinguished Achievement Award in Undergraduate Medical Education](#)
- [Academic Pathology Executives Section Distinguished Service Award](#)
- [Graduate Medical Education Administrators Section Distinguished Service Award](#)

Visit the links above for eligibility criteria, past recipients, and the online nomination form.

Considering a Chair, Program Director, Medical Educator, Department Administrator, or Program Coordinator? Email: [awards@academicpathology.org](#) – we're happy to answer questions and send reminders to help you meet the deadline.

Award recipients will be honored at the **AAPath 2027 Annual Meeting**, July 18-21, 2027, in San Francisco, CA!

Fundamentals Program

The AAPath Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program Returns

The AAPath's Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators is pleased to welcome applicants for the **2027-2028 Class of Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program**. The Fundamentals Program provides participants with a certificate eligible program that enhances educator effectiveness and professional opportunities by providing focused essential knowledge and skills. This program is suitable for health science faculty at all levels of experience who seek professional development to enhance their effectiveness, enrich their knowledge and experience, and develop their career as a health science educator. AAPath membership is not a requirement to participate in this program. This program will admit a limited number of participants, so the application process is expected to be competitive.

Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education Program elements include:

- Registration for two AAPath Annual Meetings, featuring an in-person interactive session at each Annual Meeting, exclusive to Academy Fundamentals participants.
- Bi-monthly (total eight) interactive sessions delivered remotely by Zoom and in-person covering various educational based topics.
- Feedback through evaluations on written reflections for each session, helping participants deepen their understanding, reflect on their growth as educators, and translate new knowledge into meaningful practice.

The **2027-2028 Fundamentals Program participants will be selected from applications received by October 18, 2026**. Please note, we have moved the application period to ensure all those who are accepted are notified before the 2027 Annual Meeting registration launches.

For further information about the program and how to apply, visit: [www.academicpathology.org/fundamentals-program](#)

Virtual Events

Upcoming Virtual Events

Tuesday, September 1st
2:00-3:00pm ET (1:00pm CT/12:00pm MT/11:00am PT)

Tips & Tricks on Using the Platform from the AAPath 2026 Compensation Benchmarking Survey

Interested in exploring the AAPath Faculty and Administrator Compensation Benchmarking data? Compensation advocacy for your faculty and staff is only as strong as the data behind it, so we appreciate the contributions of nearly half of AAPath's departmental membership. Join this webinar to learn about this past year's data collection, hear how one department has leveraged these customizable reports, and gain tips for navigating the dynamic data filters to tailor your reports. While the functionality remains the same, the platform's account manager for AAPath will debut some cosmetic upgrades to the user interface as we prepare for the next round of data collection later this fall. For AAPath members who did not participate in this past year's data collection, we will also share an opportunity to access the data.

Registration: [Click Here to Register Now!](#)

Tuesday, November 3rd
4:00-5:00pm ET (3:00pm CT/2:00pm MT/1:00pm PT)

"The Editor is In" Session for Academic Pathology

Considering submitting a manuscript, but not sure you have enough data for acceptance? Wondering if your manuscript fits the scope of Academic Pathology? Want to talk through an idea for an article? Interested in becoming a reviewer, advisor or editor? Meet with Editor-in-Chief James Crawford, MD, PhD, and Executive Editor Priscilla Markwood, each with decades of editorial experience, to discuss anything of interest related to journal publishing.

[Click Here to Join the Session!](#)

Past Virtual Events

Stay current with AAPath's latest virtual programming! If you were unable to attend, recordings of this past month's exclusive member events are now available at: [www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events](#). **Highlights include:**

The **APEX Brown Bag Dashboards**, held on Friday, August 28th from 1:00-2:00pm ET, was facilitated by APEX Council members Chris Cheney, Secretary-Elect, Brad Seaton, Midwest Regional Representative, and Kai Wang, Chair. The session provided an informal, interactive space for participants to share dashboard examples, ask questions, exchange insights, and learn from one another.

[Click Here to View Past Recordings](#)

AAPath's Official Journal

What's NEW in Academic Pathology

Academic Pathology, AAPath's official journal, is fully open-access, peer-reviewed, and PubMed-indexed part of Elsevier's world-class journal collection, with visibility to a global audience of academic leaders through ScienceDirect and ClinicaKey.

The journal's **2025 Journal Impact Factor rose to 2.0** (up from 1.3 in 2024), moving it to 50th of 89 journals in the Pathology category (from 619th in 2024). One more reason to **submit your manuscript** to AAPath's official journal!

Recently Published Article
The new normal: Simultaneous temporal increases in workload and physician well-being experienced by Stanford pathology on a transformed work environment. B. Chelonen, et al. Published August 6, 2026. [https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2026.1002384](#)

"The Editor is In" – Office Hours with the Editor-in-Chief
Meet directly with Editor-in-Chief James Crawford, MD, PhD, and Executive Editor Priscilla Markwood, each with decades of editorial experience, to discuss anything related to journal publishing during upcoming virtual office hours. See upcoming session dates and details on AAPath's [Virtual Events](#) page.

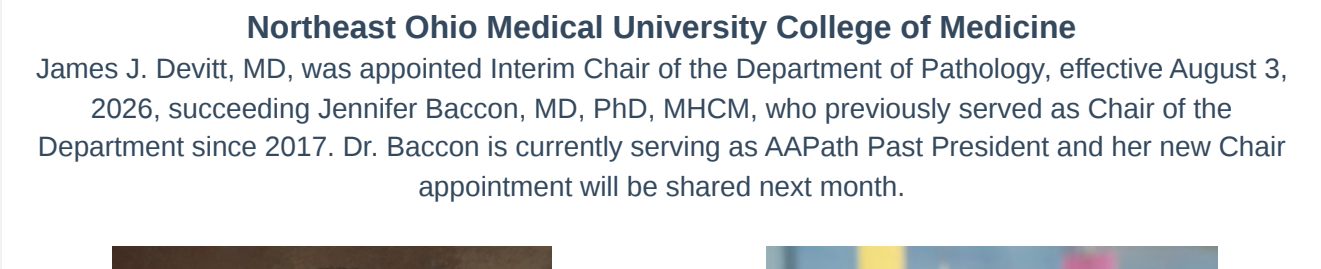
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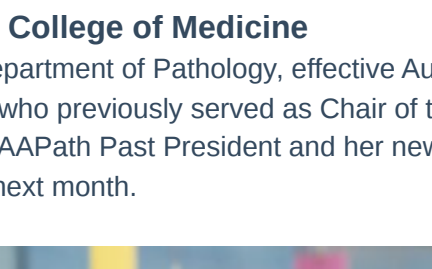
AAPath seeks to highlight major accomplishments in this Member Recognition section of the e-News, where we spotlight special announcements, such as advancement to national leadership positions, inductions into national academies, national and international awards, national press coverage, Chair retirements, new Chair appointments, and more! If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please contact the AAPath Office at [info@academicpathology.org](#) to let us know!

Chair Transitions – AAPath Welcomes New Chair Members!
For a complete listing of new Chair members, visit the AAPath website at: [www.academicpathology.org/new-chairs](#)

George Washington University School of Medicine
Donald Karcher, MD, was appointed Interim Chair of the Department of Pathology, effective June 15, 2026, succeeding Antonia Sepulveda, MD, PhD, who previously served as Chair of the Department since October 1, 2019. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

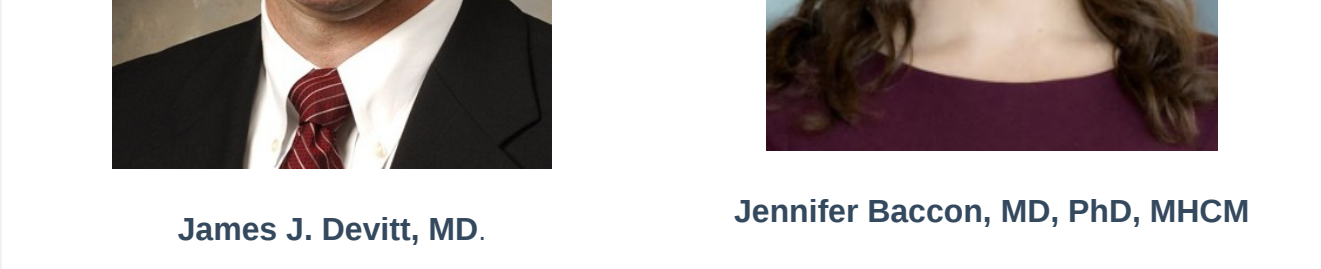


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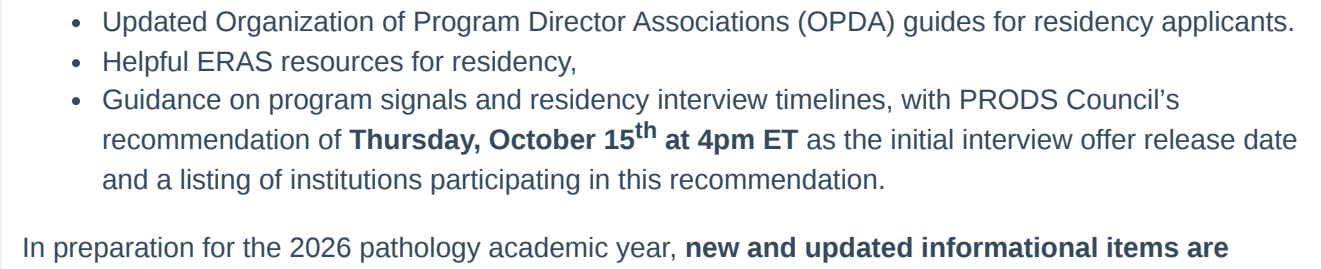
Antonia Sepulveda, MD, PhD

University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
Tejesh Patel, MD, FAAD, was appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, effective July 1, 2026. Dr. Patel previously served as Interim Chair since March 1, 2024. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

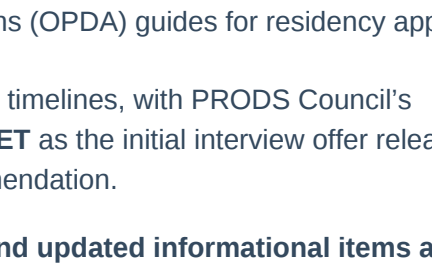


Tejesh Patel, MD, FAAD

University of Colorado School of Medicine
M. Scott Lucia, MD, was appointed Interim Chair of the Department of Pathology, effective July 1, 2026, succeeding Ann D. Thor, MD, who previously served as Chair of the Department since 2006. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.



M. Scott Lucia, MD

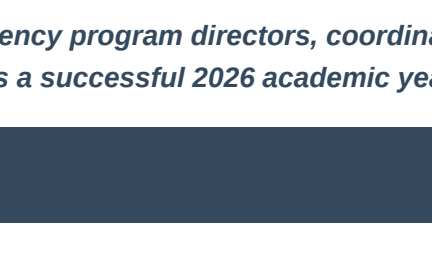


Ann D. Thor, MD

University of Tennessee Medical Center – Knoxville
Paul Eberts, MD, was appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology, effective July 1, 2026, succeeding Stuart Van Meter, MD. Dr. Van Meter served as Interim Chair beginning November 1, 2022, and was named Chair in August 1, 2023. He also previously served as Chair from 2003 to 2011. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

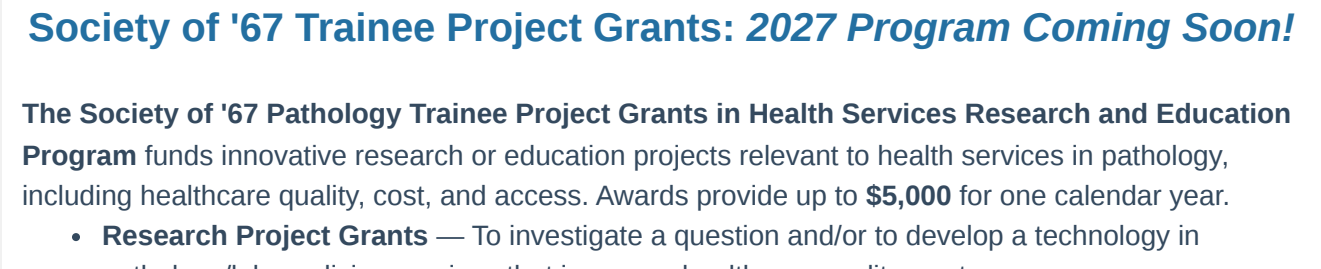


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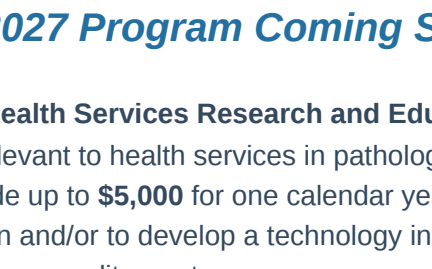


Stuart Van Meter, MD

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
Barbara Ritschel, MD, was appointed Interim Chair of the Department of Pathology, effective July 7, 2026, succeeding John Stephen Dunler, MD, who previously served as Chair since 2016.

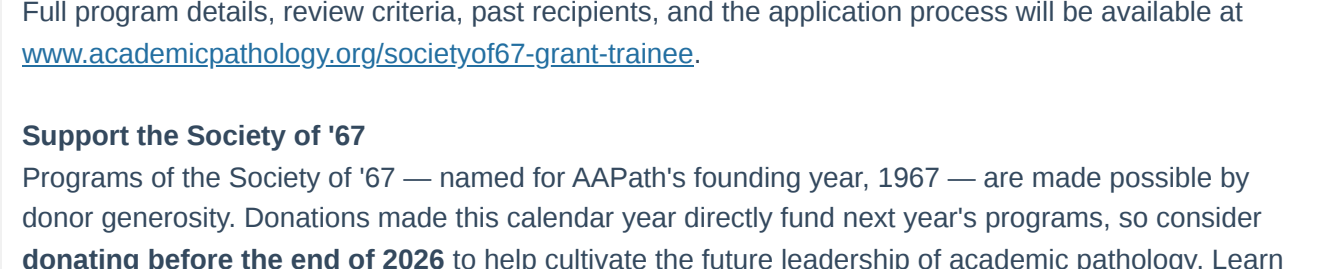


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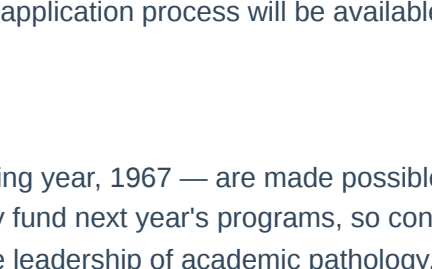


John Stephen Dunler, MD

Medical University of South Carolina
Aziza Nassar, MD, MBA, was appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, effective August 1, 2026, succeeding Jerry Squires, MD, PhD, who previously served as Interim Chair since November 14, 2024. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

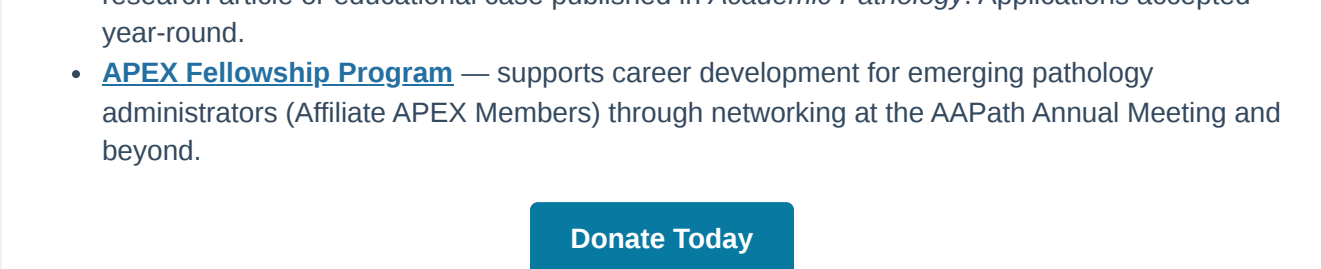


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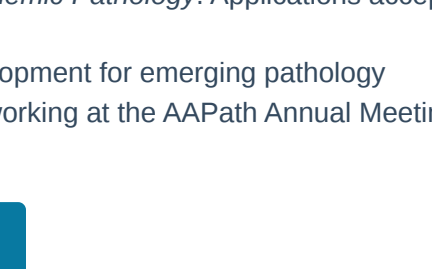


Jerry Squires, MD, PhD

Northwest Ohio Medical University College of Medicine
James J. Devitt, MD, was appointed Interim Chair of the Department of Pathology, effective August 3, 2026, succeeding Jennifer Bacon, MD, PhD, MHCM, who previously served as Chair of the Department since 2017. Dr. Bacon is currently serving as AAPath Past President and her new Chair appointment will be shared next month.



James J. Devitt, MD



Jennifer Bacon, MD, PhD, MHCM

Resources and Opportunities for Residents & Students

New Resources and Opportunities for Residents & Students

In preparation for the 2026 pathology residency program interview and recruitment cycle, **new and updated informational items are available on the AAPath "Residency Application Resources" webpage**. These resources include:

- Guidance on USMLE & COMLEX-USA scores,
- Updated Organization for Program Director Association (OPDA) guides for residency applicants.
- Helpful ERAS resources for residency.
- Guidance on program signals and residency interview timelines, with PRODS Council's recommendation of Thursday, October 8th at 4pm ET as the initial interview offer release date and a listing of institutions participating in this recommendation.

In preparation for the 2026 pathology academic year, **new and updated informational items are available on the AAPath "Student Opportunities" webpage**. These resources include:

- Guidance on careers in pathology, including helpful materials to review,
- Dynamic listings of Residency Open Houses and student opportunities,
- Helpful ERAS resources for advisors and students,
- Valuable information on careers, events, and opportunities in the field of pathology from the [Inter society Council for Pathology Information](#).

Please consider using these webpages as a resource during the 2026 pathology residency program interview season and academic year.

PRODS and UMEDS Councils with all pathology residency program directors, coordinators, and undergraduate medical educators and advisors as strong as successful 2026 academic year!

Society of '67 Programs

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Society of '67 Trainee Project Grants: 2027 Program Coming Soon!

The Society of '67 Pathology Trainee Project Grants in Health Services Research and Education Program funds innovative research or education projects relevant to health services in pathology, including healthcare quality, cost, and access. Awards provide up to \$5,000 for one calendar year.

- **Research Project Grants** – To investigate a question and/or to develop a technology in pathology/lab medicine services that improves healthcare quality, cost, or access.
- **Education Project Grants** – To develop an educational program or offering in pathology/lab medicine services focused on improving healthcare quality, cost, or access.

Eligibility: Open to medical students and trainees at AAPath member institutions. Applicants must have a faculty sponsor/mentor who is a full-time faculty member on an AAPath member department and must be listed as the principal investigator. If invited to submit a full proposal, a letter of sponsorship from the Department Chair (for medical students) or Program Director (for residents/fellows) is required.

Full program details, review criteria, past recipients, and the application process will be available at: [www.academicpathology.org/societyof67-grant-trainee](#).

Support the Society of '67
Programs of the Society of '67 – named for AAPath's founding year, 1967 – are made possible by donor generosity. Donations made this calendar year directly fund next year's programs, so consider **donating before the end of 2026** to help cultivate the future leadership of academic pathology. Learn more at [www.academicpathology.org/societyof67](#).

Sponsorship opportunities:

- Donate \$5,000+ to be a named sponsor of the 2027 Trainee Project Grants (see above).
- Donate \$2,500+ to be a named sponsor of a medical student or pathology resident in the **Kinney Scholars** Program to attend the AAPath 2027 Annual Meeting.

Other Society of '67 Programs

- **Open Access Publication Awards** – covers the article processing fee for a publication/theses research article or educational case published in Academic Pathology. Applications accepted year-round.
- **APEX Fellowship Program** – supports career development for emerging pathology administrators (Affiliate APEX Members) through networking at the AAPath Annual Meeting and beyond.

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Member Directory **Member Profile** **Do You Have a Posting**

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!

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.

Job postings can be shared on your institution? Members can share openings with their section leaders request 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: [www.aapath.org/jobs](#)

Listserv Networks **Membership Updates**

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/lists](#)

Best Practices: When sending messages to the listserv, **please always include your email address in the content of your email message or signature line**, so you can receive direct messages that are not necessary nor informative to the whole listserv membership.

Archives: To view the archive of listserv messages, log in to your [member profile](#) and access the **Listserv under MY Features**.

New Members who serve in a role aligned to one of AAPath's membership Sections, i.e., Chairs, Vice Chairs, Executive Administrators, Residency Program Directors, Medical School Educators, or GME Coordinators, should complete a **Board Membership Election**. Departments with AAPath membership may add **eligible members at any time of the year** with no additional cost.

New Members who are not currently members of an AAPath Section or Affinity Group are now invited to join in the new **General Membership category**. [Click here](#) to complete the online enrollment form today!

Need to remove a member from your roster? Please submit a **Member Removal Request**.

Monthly e-News Archive

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

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