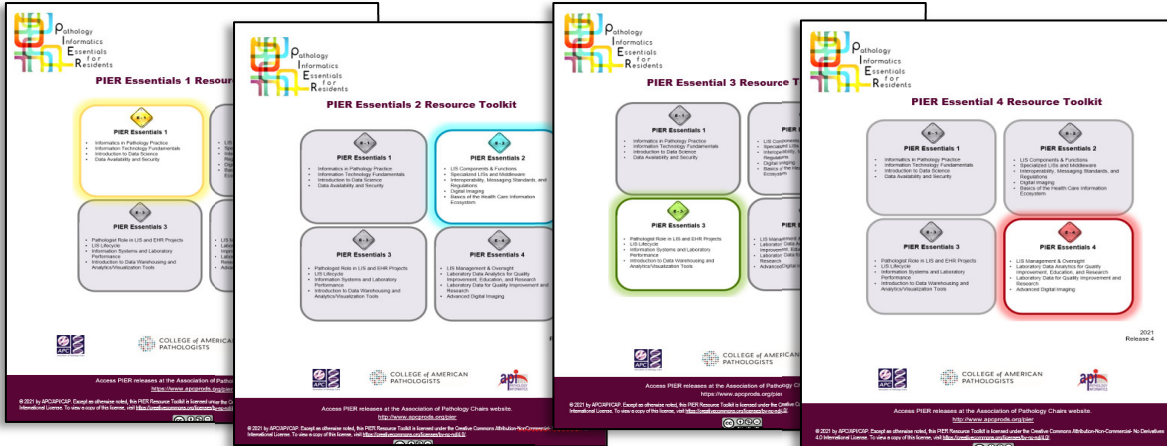# Pathology Informatics Essentials for Residents (PIER)
What's New in Release 4?
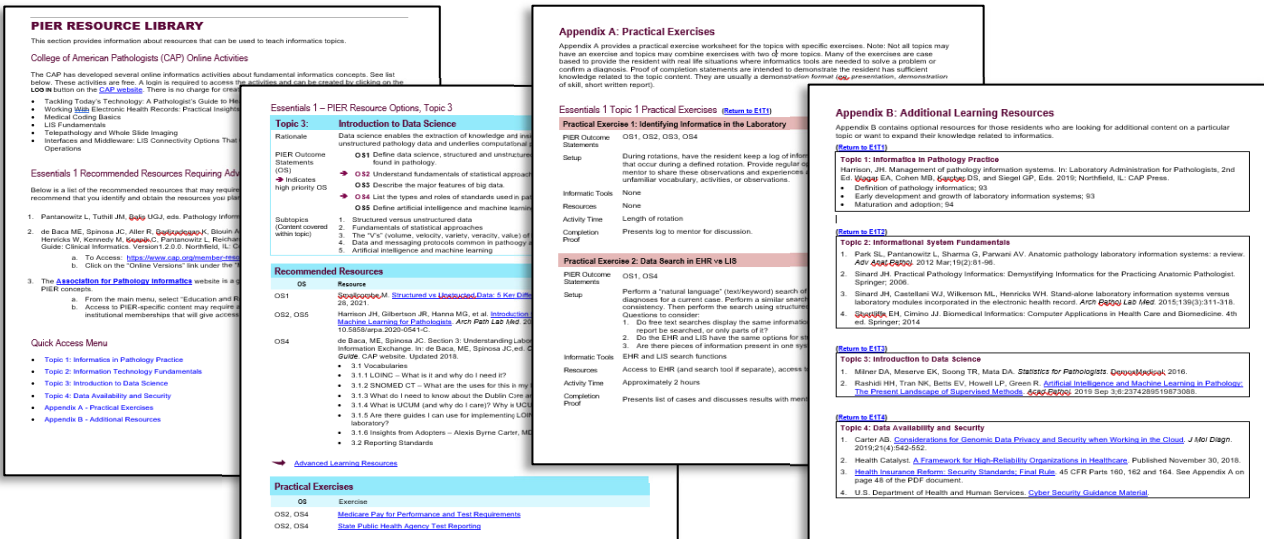### Goal: Streamline and make PIER easier to implement

DOCUMENTATION

- Instructional Resource Guide (22 pages) replaced by Getting Started with PIER (11 pages)
- PIER Resource Toolkit (85 pages) replaced by 4 separate, smaller toolkits (one for each Essentials)

CURRICULUM

- Reviewed and updated the PIER topics and PIER outcome statements to better match the knowledge and skill level expectations for residents upon completion of training
- Identified some PIER outcome statements as "high priority" for application; they are supported by Practical Exercises
- Reduced the number of Recommended Resources per topic to make it easier to plan for training
- Restructured practical exercises and categorized them into 4 types (ie, hands on application, research topic, case study, thought provoking question)
- Moved practical exercises and advance learning options to separate appendix sections in each toolkit; added hyperlinks to easily move back and forth between sections of each toolkit
- Integrated 3 tools used for planning, monitoring progress, and checking off completion into one tool (PIER Map and Resident Assessment Tool)

PIER WEB PAGE

- Streamlined the PIER web page to make it easier and quicker to access information