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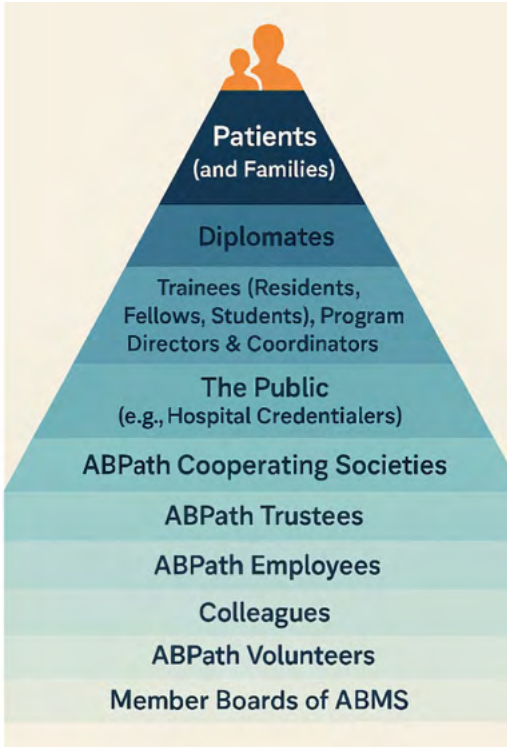
WORDS FROM THE CEO

Gary Procop, MD, MS, MEd
Chief Executive Officer

Who are the Stakeholders of ABPath and are They Well Served?

For-profit companies have shareholders. There is an expectation of profits from shareholders and when stocks continually underperform CEOs often become unemployed or at least are strongly encouraged to consider different directions for the company. But, what about non-profits, like the American Board of Pathology (ABPath)? Non-profit companies do not have shareholders, instead, they have stakeholders. If you are reading this newsletter, you are assuredly one of our stakeholders. It is important that non-profit companies take the necessary time to consider who their stakeholders are, are they serving their stakeholders through the fulfillment of their mission, and are they receiving feedback from their stakeholders. Feedback, for companies and individuals alike, is important to discover areas of effort that are highly valued, and, likely more importantly, areas wherein expectations are not being met.

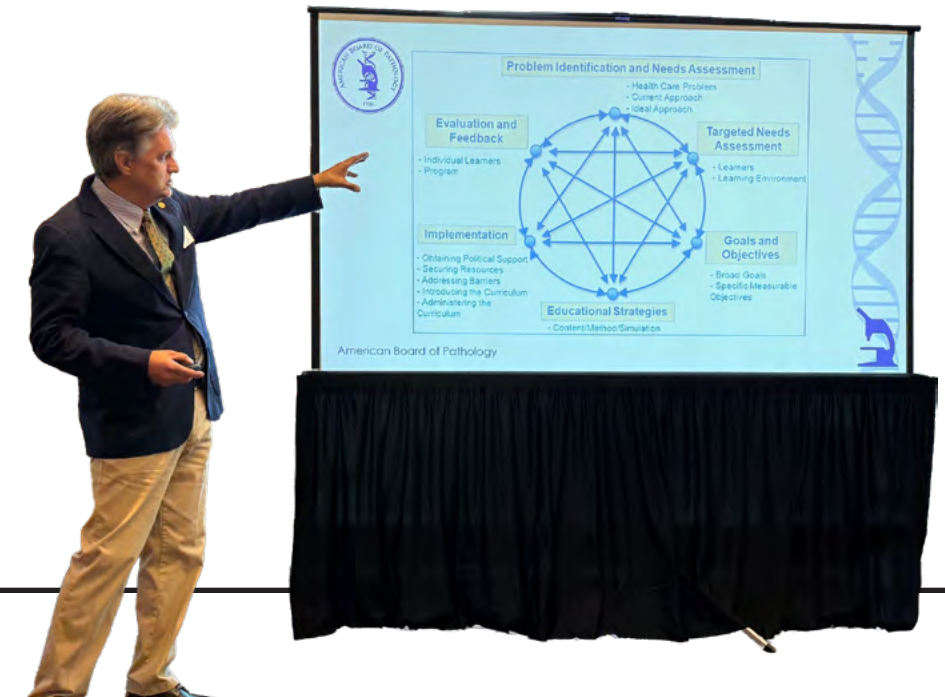


The American Board of Pathology holds an annual meeting of the ABPath Cooperating Societies every Spring. The members of the ABPath Cooperating Societies can be found on the ABPath website. The ABPath Cooperating Societies receive an update of ABPath activities and are also engaged in a robust, bidirectional discussion of a topic of particular interest to the pathology community and the ABPath. The topic of the 2025 meeting of the Cooperating Societies of the ABPath concerned the stakeholders of ABPath and the perceived degree to which we are meeting their needs. The questions we asked the ABPath Cooperating Society representatives were also asked of Pathology Residency Program Directors. Both groups largely agreed with the stakeholders listed, with requests to include Program Administrators/Coordinators, as well as academic Pathology Chairs. The groups were also asked to rank these in importance to which there was largely agreement along the lines represented in the Figure.

Ultimately, we are all in this profession to serve the patients and their families. This is accomplished directly through our diplomates (i.e., those who have demonstrated a recognized level of knowledge and skills). There is also a commitment to the next generations of practitioners through our assistance to those in training and those who guide their training and maintain the training programs. There are responsibilities to those who rely on our certificate as a measure of quality, such as hospital credentialing boards, payors, and our colleagues in other specialties. Maintaining a healthy working relationship with the ABPath Cooperating Societies is key as we work together using different approaches to achieve the same end (e.g., developing a cooperative quality agenda). There are responsibilities to our many volunteers from Trustees, to committee members, to item writers. There is a commitment to the team members employed by ABPath to provide an excellent working environment, which translates to premier service to our other stakeholders. Finally, we have commitments to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), of which we are a Member Board.

Not all our stakeholders had an opportunity to provide input during the 2025 ABPath Cooperating Society meeting. Please consider the brief, six-question survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDRNPL3 to provide ABPath stakeholder feedback as we continually work to improve, align, and serve all of our stakehold-ers through the accomplishment of our mission. The survey will be open until February 16, 2026.

How can you be so sure you are a stakeholder? Even if you are a random member of the public, who happened upon this newsletter and could not pull yourself away, you are a stakeholder because, sometime in your life, you have received the services from pathology and laboratory medicine, whether in the form of laboratory results, a biopsy interpretation, or another service.



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

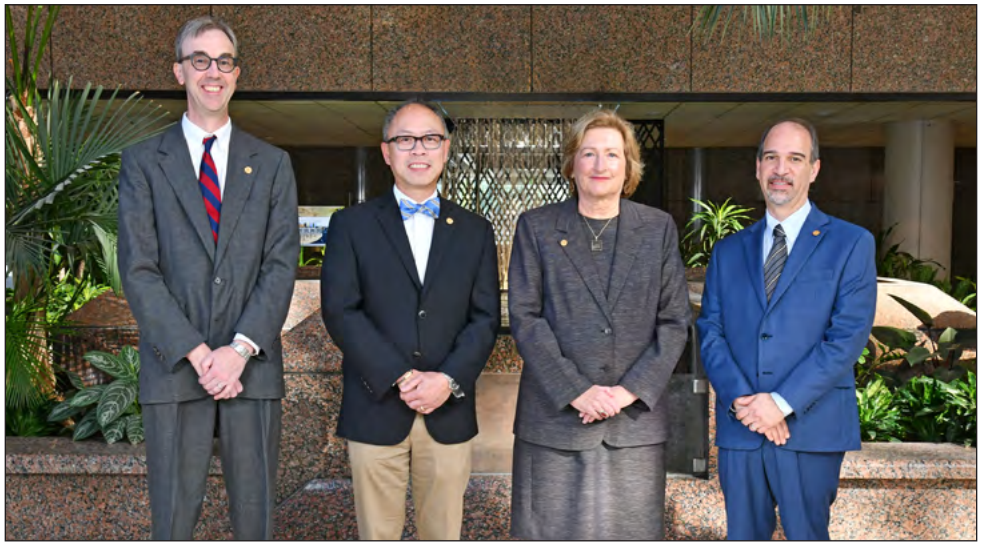
2026 AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY LEADERSHIP

Introducing the ABPath Board of Trustees for 2026, whose leadership and expertise continue to guide the Board's mission.

Board of Trustees

***Back row (left to right)**: Jason Jarzembowski, MD, PhD; James R. Cook, MD, PhD; Matthew J. Wasco, MD; Dylan V. Miller, MD; Jeffrey D. Goldstein, MD; Gary W. Procop, MD, MS, MEd*
***Front row (left to right)**: Julie D. Kingery, MD; Mark K. Fung, MD, PhD; Kathleen G. Beavis, MD; Mohiedean Ghofrani, MD, MBA; Barbara A. Sampson, MD, PhD*
Not Pictured: Jennifer Laudadio, MD; Ritu Nayar, MD; Javarro Russell, PhD

Executive Committee



Matthew J. Wasco, MD, Secretary; Mark K. Fung, MD, PhD, Vice President;
Kathleen G. Beavis, MD, President; Mohiedean Ghofrani, MD, MBA, Immediate Past President
Not Pictured: Jennifer Laudadio, MD, Treasurer

The newly elected Executive Committee includes:

President ..... Kathleen G. Beavis, MD, Chicago, IL
Vice President ..... Mark K. Fung, MD, PhD, Burlington, VT
Secretary ..... Jennifer Laudadio, MD, Little Rock, AR
Treasurer ..... Matthew J. Wasco, MD, Ann Arbor, MI
Immediate Past President .....Mohiedean Ghofrani, MD, MBA, Vancouver, WA

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

James R. Cook, MD, PhD to 2nd term
Mohiedean Ghofrani, MD, MBA to 4th term
Julie D. Kingery, MD to 2nd term
Jennifer Laudadio, MD to 2nd term
Barbara A. Sampson, MD, PhD to 4th term

In addition to the officers, the Trustees of the American Board of Pathology for 2026 are:

James R. Cook, MD, PhD, Cleveland, OH
Jeffrey D. Goldstein, MD, Los Angeles, CA
Jason Jarzembowski, MD, PhD, Milwaukee, WI
Julie D. Kingery, MD, Gainesville, FL
Dylan V. Miller, MD, Salt Lake City, UT
Ritu Nayar, MD, Chicago, IL
Javarro Russell, PhD, Richmond, VA
Barbara A. Sampson, MD, PhD, New York, NY

For a complete list of Trustees and their biographical information, visit the Board of Trustees page.

Jason Jarzembowski, MD, PhD

Welcoming New Trustee Dr. Jason Jarzembowski, MD, PhD

The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) is pleased to announce that Dr. Jason Jarzembowski has been elected to its Board of Trustees, with a term beginning January 1, 2026.

Dr. Jarzembowski is Vice Chair for Pediatric Pathology and Professor of Pathology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Chief Executive Officer of Children's Specialty Group. He is board certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and Pediatric Pathology and participates in ABPath's Continuing Certification Program.

He earned his doctorate in Molecular and Cellular Pathology at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and his medical degree with research honors at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He completed his residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at the University of Michigan, followed by a fellowship in pediatric pathology at St. Louis Children's Hospital and Washington University in St. Louis.

He currently serves on the Anatomic Pathology CertLink Test Development and Advisory Committee and has held editorial and leadership roles with *Pediatric and Developmental Pathology*, *American Journal of Clinical Pathology*, the Children's Oncology Group, and the Society for Pediatric Pathology.

ABPath's Board of Trustees is made up of 12 board-certified pathologists and one public member. Each is elected for a renewable three-year term and may serve up to four terms. Read more about Dr. Jarzembowski.

ABPath President Dr. Ghofrani presents Dr. Ashwood with a certificate recognizing his outstanding service to the ABPath Board.

Trustee Highlights

Dr. Ashwood Elected as Life Trustee

Dr. Edward R. Ashwood was recognized at the recent Fall 2025 Board of Trustees meeting by ABPath President Dr. Mohiedean Ghofrani for his service as a Trustee. His dedication and expertise have greatly contributed to advancing board certification in pathology.

We thank Dr. Ashwood for his leadership and lasting contributions to pathology and ABPath.

Trustees Outreach and Engagement

ABPath's Speakers Bureau continues to support training programs nationwide. We look forward to connecting with programs we have not yet visited and expanding opportunities for residents, fellows, and faculty to engage with ABPath leadership. In 2025, 24 training programs were visited by either a Trustee or ABPath CEO, Dr. Gary Procop, and we anticipate reaching many more in 2026.

Dr. Cecilia Thompson presented Dr. Beavis with the Pasteur Award

ABPath Trustees remain active leaders in pathology and laboratory medicine. Below are some recent professional recognitions and activities:

Dr. Kathleen Beavis

- ABPath Trustee Dr. Kathleen Beavis was honored with the 2025 Illinois Society for Microbiology Pasteur Award, recognizing her leadership and impact in clinical microbiology. At the ISM Fall Meeting, Dr. Cecilia Thompson presented Dr. Beavis with the Pasteur Award, and ABPath CEO Dr. Gary Procop spoke as part of the award program.

Dr. Ritu Nayar

- Dr. Ritu Nayar, ABPath Trustee and Co-Chair of the ACS National Roundtable on Cervical Cancer: Primary HPV Screening Workgroup Report for Cytopathology Laboratories, presented at the American Society of Cytopathology's annual meeting.
- Representing Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Dr. Nayar contributed to national efforts supporting the transition to primary HPV screening, including self-collection, and discussed rising cervical cancer rates and the role of innovative screening tools in the July AMA update. Read the AMA update here.

In this AMA video podcast, Dr. Nayar talks about where cervical cancer rates are on the rise and how new screening tools can help reverse that trend. AMA Chief Experience Officer Todd Unger hosted.

Dr. Barbara Sampson

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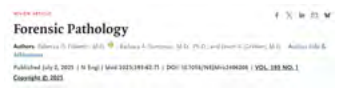

Dr. Barbara Sampson

- A New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM Group) review by ABPath Trustee Barbara Sampson, MD; former TDAC member Rebecca Folkerth, MD; and Jason K. Graham, MD, highlights the vital role of forensic pathologists in public health, the justice system, and support for grieving families. Read the full NEJM article.

Dr. Mohiedean Ghofrani

- ABPath President Dr. Mohiedean Ghofrani presented "Harnessing Epic for Effective Laboratory Stewardship" at Epic Expert Group Meeting (XGM2025), joining colleagues to share how Epic can optimize test utilization, reduce costs, and improve patient care.

Dr. Ghofrani speaking on "Effective Laboratory Stewardship" at Epic Expert User Group Meeting

ABPath's Speakers Bureau: Engaging with Pathology Residents and Fellows

Dr. Ghofrani at Creighton University

Dr. Sampson at New York Presbyterian Hospital

Dr. Sampson at Weill Cornell Medicine

MEET OUR STAFF

Gabriela Lago
Intermediate Full Stack Developer / IT Generalist

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Intermediate Full Stack Developer / IT Generalist

We are pleased to introduce Gabriela (Gaby) Lago, one of our IT Specialists and a Full Stack Developer. Since joining the IT team in July 2022, Gaby has played an important role in ensuring our networks and internal systems run smoothly, while also contributing to the development of applications used both internally and externally. She is involved in several key initiatives that support our ongoing work and is a valued member of the team.

Gaby was born in Cuba and immigrated to the United States as a child, becoming a U.S. citizen in her teenage years. She attended middle and high school in Tampa and returned to the area after earning her bachelor's degree in computer science from Georgia Tech. She is married and has a son who will turn eight in February.

A self-proclaimed computer nerd, Gaby enjoys exploring new technologies in her free time. She has created game mods, learned video and sound editing, and built small apps and websites for friends and colleagues. She also enjoys gaming and participates in several online communities.

ABPath Staff

Pictured from left to right. Front row: *Renée Holder, Gabriela Lago, Anthony Schlinsog, Ty McCarthy, Dr. Gary W. Procop, Josie Santos, Kerri Mullis, Amanda Zombro*
Back row: *Alissa Eagle, Lily Veith, John Lemke, Nick Parrucci, Bonnie Woodworth, Mary Pyfrom.*
Not pictured: *Colette Earnest*

BOARD ACTIONS

Update to Retired Status Policy
The Board approved an update to the diplomate retired status policy. Diplomates may continue to request to have their overall status listed as "Retired" when they are no longer practicing medicine. The new change adds flexibility by allowing diplomates to retire individual certificates they no longer need to maintain while keeping others active. Please note that ABPath cannot retire a primary certification if a diplomate plans to maintain a subspecialty certification, since an active Primary certificate is required for Subspecialty certification.

Subspecialty Exam Flexibility
The Board approved a policy change that gives residents added flexibility in completing their education and training. Residents may now complete a fellowship before or at any point during their residency training. Residents will be eligible to sit for a subspecialty exam once they meet the subspecialty certification requirements and have earned a primary certification. This change will be published in the 2026 Booklet of Information.

ABPATH NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Updates on Board activities, programs, and initiatives from across the organization.

Update on Content Specifications

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback during the public comment period. The Test Development and Advisory Committees are now reviewing comments and preparing the 2025 Content Specifications for final approval.

The primary and subspecialty exam draft sets are currently available for candidate reference, and some have already been finalized on the ABPath website. The Content Specifications for each exam are reviewed regularly by the subject matter experts of the corresponding Test Development and Advisory Committee. These documents outline topics that may appear on ABPath board certification exams and are intended as a framework for study and long-term professional development, not an exhaustive list.

View the Content Specifications on the ABPath website.

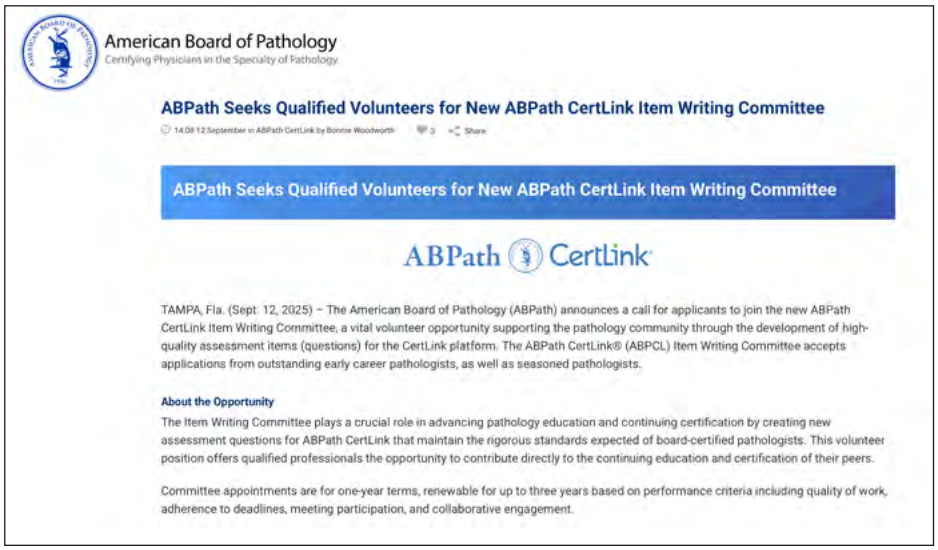
ABPath CertLink® Updates

ABPath CertLink® (ABPCL) Unscored Questions
Starting in Quarter 2, diplomates participating in CertLink will have the option to answer additional unscored questions after completing their required 10–15 questions. This optional section is not scored and will not affect performance or participation; it simply offers extra learning for those who want it. More details will be coming soon.

ABPath CertLink Assessment Design Update
Every six months, diplomates are required to design their CertLink assessment. Previously, each new cycle started from a blank slate, and your prior selections were not saved. We are pleased to share that this process has been improved in direct response to diplomate feedback. Your previous assessment design will now be saved and automatically displayed the next time you set up your assessment, making it easier to review, adjust, and confirm your choices.

New ABPCL Item Writing Committee
The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) announced a call for applicants to join the new ABPCL Item Writing Committee, a volunteer opportunity supporting the pathology community through the development of high-quality assessment items (questions) for the CertLink platform. The committee accepts applications from outstanding early career pathologists, as well as seasoned pathologists.

Committee appointments are for one-year terms, renewable for up to three years based on performance criteria, including quality of work, adherence to deadlines, meeting participation, and collaborative engagement. Read more about the ABPCL Item Writing Committee.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ABPath Seeks Qualified Volunteers for New ABPath CertLink Item Writing Committee

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ABPath CertLink

TAMPA, Fla. (Sept. 12, 2025) – The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) announces a call for applicants to join the new ABPath CertLink Item Writing Committee, a vital volunteer opportunity supporting the pathology community through the development of high-quality assessment items (questions) for the CertLink platform. The ABPath CertLink® (ABPCL) Item Writing Committee accepts applications from outstanding early career pathologists, as well as seasoned pathologists.

About the Opportunity

The Item Writing Committee plays a crucial role in advancing pathology education and continuing certification by creating new assessment questions for ABPath CertLink that maintain the rigorous standards expected of board-certified pathologists. This volunteer position offers qualified professionals the opportunity to contribute directly to the continuing education and certification of their peers.

Committee appointments are for one-year terms, renewable for up to three years based on performance criteria including quality of work, adherence to deadlines, meeting participation, and collaborative engagement.

2024 Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine Practice and Training Survey: Key Insights

The American Board of Pathology (ABPath), as part of the 2024 Practice and Training Survey, conducted a subspecialty survey of diplomates who completed a fellowship in Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine (BB/TM). This special section aimed to assess practice patterns, training adequacy, and alignment of training with the certification examination.

Of the 794 overall survey participants, 8% (63 respondents) reported completing a BB/TM fellowship. Most fellowships were one year (90%) in duration, and 86% of respondents were board-certified in BB/TM.

Practice Patterns

Hospital-based transfusion services were found to dominate BB/TM practice, accounting for the largest share of professional time. Activities such as managing transfusion reactions, reviewing special blood product requests, and writing consultation notes were widely performed. Apheresis procedures were also common, with most respondents managing therapeutic plasma exchange and RBC exchange. Conversely, cellular therapy and HLA laboratory activities were reported as less frequent activities. Coagulation/hemostasis tasks also occupied a minor portion of practice time.

Training Adequacy

Analysis of training relative to practice needs revealed these notable trends:

- *Hospital-Based Transfusion Services:* Training often exceeded practical requirements, particularly for transfusion reaction management, RBC antibody specificity determinations, and consultation note preparation.
- *Apheresis:* Overtraining was evident in therapeutic plasma exchange and consultation documentation, with large effect sizes.
- *Cellular Therapy and HLA Laboratories*: Deficits were reported in regulatory and quality review training, suggesting these areas could be improved in fellowship curricula, but balanced with the amount of these activities performed in practice, as mentioned above.
- *Blood Donor Center and Coagulation/Hemostasis:* Training levels were generally considered appropriate, with no significant discrepancies noted.

Certification Examination Alignment
Respondents rated the emphasis of the ABPath BB/TM Subspecialty Certification Examination across 12 practice areas. Statistical analysis showed no significant over- or underrepresentation, indicating strong alignment between exam content and practical needs.

Self-Assessment and Feedback
Eighty percent of respondents reported taking a comprehensive self-assessment during fellowship, most commonly the Transfusion Medicine In-Service Examination (TMISE). Additional comments largely praised fellowship training, though some suggested improvements in specialized areas such as cellular therapy.

Key Takeaways

1. *Strengths*: Robust training in hospital transfusion services and apheresis ensures competence in core BB/TM functions.
2. *Potential Gaps:* Limited training in cellular therapy and HLA laboratory oversight should be balanced with practice needs in this area and reflected in curriculum updates.
3. *Practice Focus:* BB/TM professionals primarily engage in hospital-based services, with limited involvement in niche areas.
4. *Exam Alignment:* Certification exam content is well-calibrated to real-world practice.
5. *Future Directions:* Fellowship programs should rebalance training intensity, reducing overtraining in common tasks while strengthening coverage of specialized domains.

Conclusion
The 2024 BB/TM Practice and Training Survey underscores the importance of continuous curriculum refinement to meet evolving practice demands. While core competencies are well-covered, there are targeted areas for potential improvements, such as cellular therapy and HLA laboratory training. More details will be available in a future manuscript being submitted for publication.

Release of 2024 Annual Report

In June 2025, we released the American Board of Pathology's 2024 Annual Report.

This comprehensive report showcases the program highlights and accomplishments of the past year, 2024 exam results, and a listing of ABPath volunteers and diplomates certified with their primary certification in 2024. Explore the full report to celebrate the dedication and achievements within the pathology community.

Explore the 2024 Annual Report.

Publications

ABPath continues to contribute to the literature on assessment and training in pathology.

Pathology program directors' beliefs on changing answers and literature review.
This paper by ABPath CEO Dr. Gary Procop, Ty McCarthy, MSS, Paul Jones, PhD, and Kirk Becker, PhD, explored what Residency Program Directors think about this long-debated test-taking advice and reviewed what the literature says. Read the full article in Academic Pathology.

The birth, life, and death of a cytopathology board examination question.
Authored by Roseann I. Wu, MD, MPH, Ritu Nayar, MD, and Gary W. Procop, MD, MS, MEd. This article offers insight into the detailed process of developing and reviewing exam questions to ensure fairness, accuracy, and quality in board certification. Read the article in Cancer Cytopathology.

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 Cytopathology

American Society of Dermatopathology

American Society for Investigative Pathology

Association for Academic Pathology

Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies

Association of Directors of Anatomic and Subspecialty Pathology

Association for Molecular Pathology

Association for Pathology Informatics

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

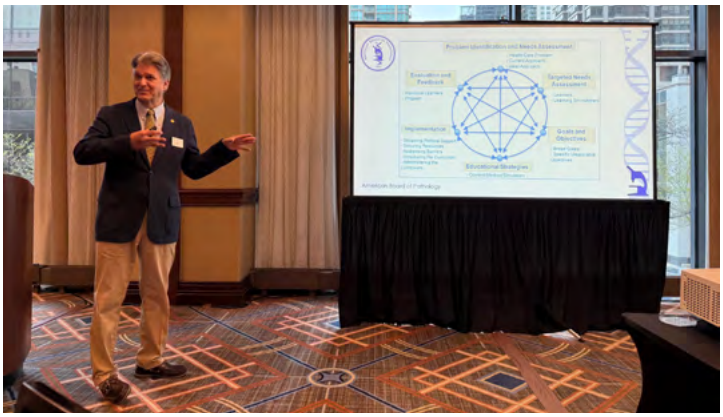
Our Cooperating Societies

We continue to collaborate with key partners to advance quality and innovation in pathology and laboratory medicine. ABPath works with 18 Cooperating Societies to identify and address issues of importance to the profession of pathology. Through these valuable relationships, our Cooperating Societies support diplomates in their lifelong learning and improvement in practice, their participation in Continuing Certification, and documenting their participation in educational and quality assessment activities.

Our Spring 2025 annual meeting with the Cooperating Societies was focused on helping ABPath better serve our stakeholders and stay true to our mission of supporting the public and advancing pathology.

COOPERATING SOCIETIES PHOTO GALLERY

Dr. Procop presents at the Cooperating Societies meeting in Chicago



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!

Left Photo:
Kathleen Beavis, MD
Julie Kingery, MD
Renée Holder
Mary Pyfrom
Ritu Nayar, MD

Right Photo:
John Lemke

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

Our volunteers play a central role in exam development, policy, and continuing certification. We extend our appreciation for their time and expertise.

Test Development and Advisory Committees (TDACs)
Chaired by ABPath Trustees and composed of subject matter experts, TDACs develop and review certification exam questions to ensure they fairly and accurately assess the knowledge and skills needed for high-quality patient care.

Diplomate Advisory Committee (DAC)
The DAC includes 13 volunteer diplomates from a wide range of practice settings and is chaired by ABPath Trustee Dr. Julie Kingery. The committee advises the Board of Trustees on the continuous evaluation and improvement of Continuing Certification and other ABPath initiatives from the diplomate perspective. Members serve three-year terms.

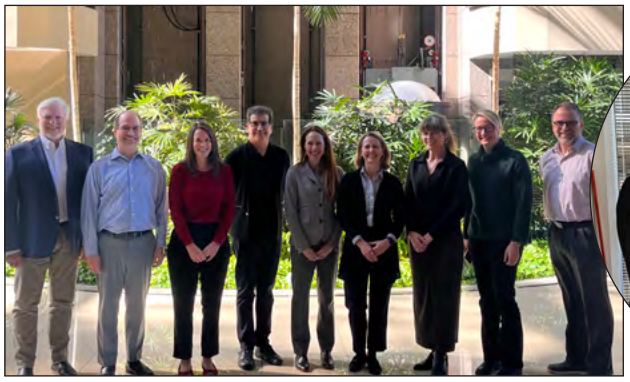
Resident and Fellow Advisory Committee (RFC)
This Committee is made up of 16 pathology residents and fellows who provide feedback on ABPath initiatives and share insight into how we can best support trainees throughout their certification journey. The committee is chaired by ABPath CEO Dr. Gary W. Procop.

ABPCL Item Writing Committee
Launching in January 2026, this new committee will support ABPath CertLink by developing high-quality assessment questions. Interested diplomates can learn more and apply on the ABPath website.

For diplomates interested in volunteering for a TDAC or the new ABPCL Item Writing Committee, complete the online interest form.

TDAC PHOTO GALLERY

Anatomic Pathology



Completing Her Term

Deborah L. Cook, MD & Mohiedean Ghofrani, MD

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Kimberly Allison, MD
Jennifer Boland Froemming, MD
Alain Borczuk, MD
Deborah L. Cook, MD
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Joseph Rabban, MD
Duane R. Schafer, DDS
Sean Williamson, MD
Rhonda K. Yantiss, MD

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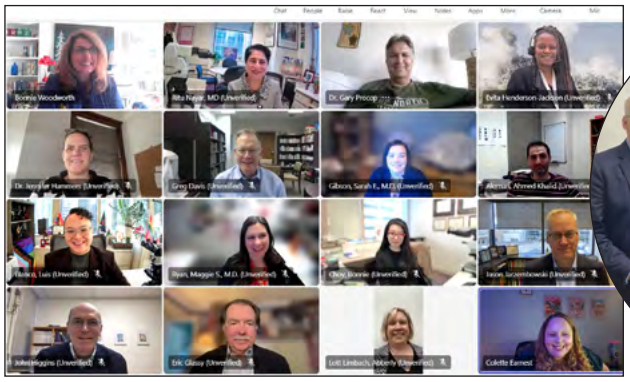

Completing Their Term

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Ritu Nayar, MD – Chair
Eric Glassy, MD – Vice Chair
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Jatin Gandhi, MD
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John Higgins, MD
Jason Jarzembowski, MD
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Margaret Ryan, MD
Gulisa Turashvili, MD

Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine

Completing Her Term

Marisa B. Marques, MD & Gary W. Procop, MD

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Meghan Delaney, MD
Nancy M. Dunbar, MD
Marisa B. Marques, MD
Yossi Schwartz, MD
Alyssa Ziman, MD

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Chemical Pathology

Completing His Term

Andrew Hoofnagle, MD &
Edward R. Ashwood, MD

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Melkon DomBourian, MD
Rebecca M. Harris, MD
Andrew Hoofnagle, MD
Shih-Hon "Sean" Li, MD
Caitlin Schein, MD

Cytopathology

Completing Her Term

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& Ritu Nayar, MD

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Deborah Chute, MD
Evita Henderson-Jackson, MD
Zahra Maleki, MD
Swati Mehrotra, MD
Vanda F. Torous, MD
Roseann Wu, MD

Dermatopathology

Completing Her Term

Melissa Piliang, MD,
Ryan Hick, MD & Dylan V. Miller, MD

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Dylan V. Miller, MD – Vice Chair
Melissa Piliang, MD
Sara Shalin, MD
Olayemi "Yemi" Sokumbi, MD
Michael Tetzlaff, MD
Travis Vandergriff, MD
Claudia Vidal, MD

TDAC PHOTO GALLERY

Forensic Pathology

Completing Her Term

Maura DeJoseph, MD & Barbara Sampson, MD

Barbara Sampson, MD – Chair
Elizabeth Bundock, MD
Daniel Dye, MD
Maura DeJoseph, MD
Susan Ely, MD
Odette Hall, MD
John Lacy, MD

Hematopathology

Completing Their Term

Dan Arber, MD, Russell Higgins, MD & James R. Cook, MD

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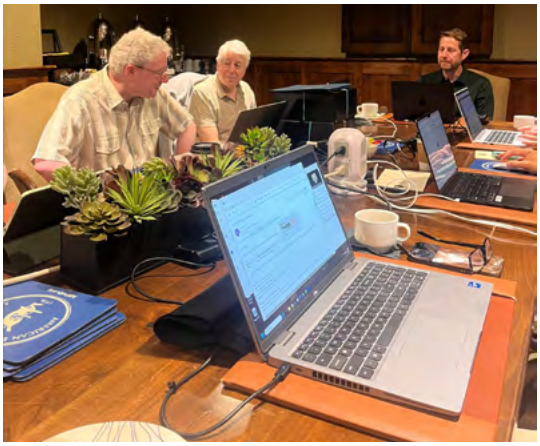


Hematopathology Committee discussing a case

CONTINUING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UPDATES

New Diplomates

Congratulations to the new diplomates certified in 2025! 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.

CC Program Reminders

ABPCL Summative Assessment Results

Diplomates certified in odd-numbered years prior to 2022 who participate in CertLink will see their Summative Assessment performance results in PATHway after Quarter 4 is completed. To pass, diplomates must achieve a cumulative score of 60 percent or greater over their four-year assessment cycle. Diplomates will receive an email when their results letter is available in PATHway. T*he deadline to complete Quarter 4 questions is January 13, 2026.*

2025 Reporting Forms

Reporting Forms for diplomates certified in odd years are due December 31, 2025. Participation in ABPCL and completion of Reporting Forms are required to maintain certification.

Annual Fee Reminder

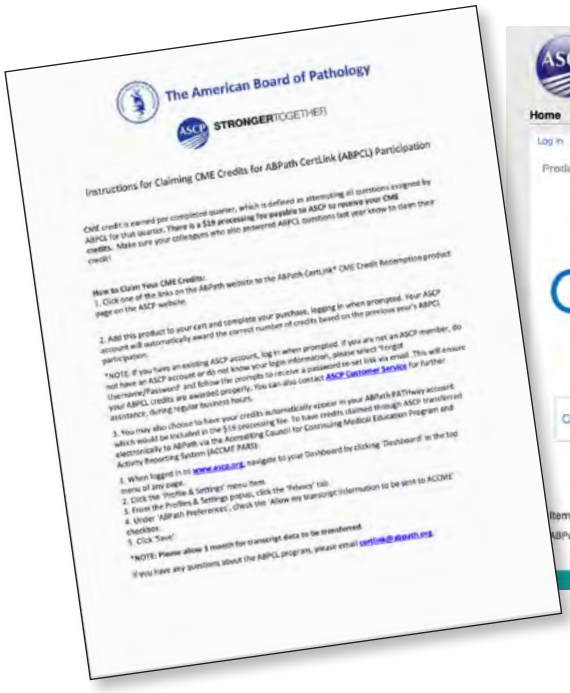
The annual CC Program fee is $150 and is due by December 31, 2025. Diplomates certified in 2025 will have their first annual fee due in December 2026.

CertLink® Reminders

- Diplomates may request up to two sabbaticals within a two-year reporting period; questions are not scored during an approved sabbatical.
- Missed quarters or unanswered questions are scored as incorrect and will affect ABPCL performance.
- Non–time-limited diplomates may participate in ABPCL at no cost. Participation will not affect lifetime certification or place any certificate in jeopardy.

CME Reminders

- You may claim credits for participation in ABPCL in 2024 until March 31, 2026. To claim CME credit, visit the ABPath website.
- CME for ABPCL participation in 2025 - diplomates will receive an email when credit for 2025 is available.



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Instructions for Claiming CME Credits for ABPath CertLink (ABPCL) Participation

CME credit is earned per completed quarter, which is defined as attempting all questions assigned by ABPCL for that quarter. There is a $19 processing fee payable to ASCP to receive your CME credits. Make sure your colleagues who also answered ABPCL questions last year know to claim their credit!

How to Claim Your CME Credits:

1. Click one of the links on the ABPath website to the ABPath CertLink® CME Credit Redemption product page on the ASCP website.

2. Add this product to your cart and complete your purchase, logging in when prompted. Your ASCP account will automatically award the correct number of credits based on the previous year's ABPCL participation.

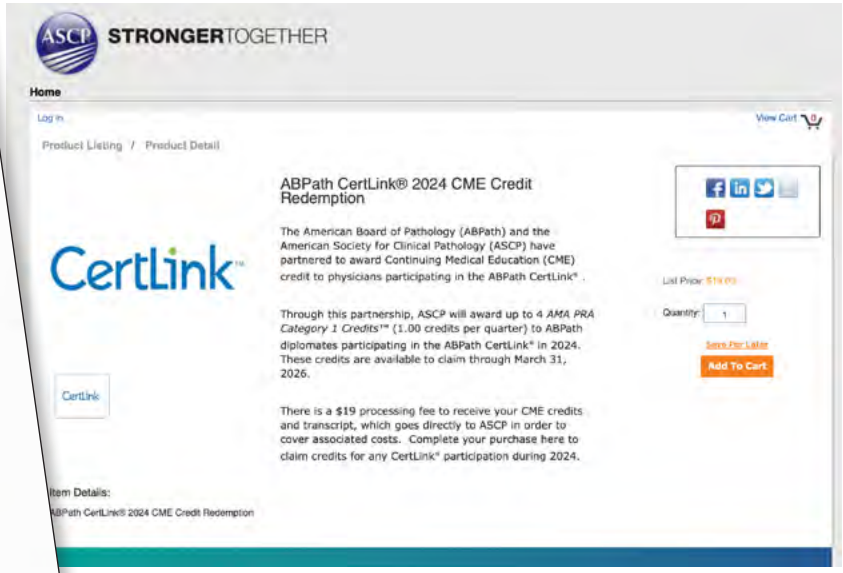
*NOTE: If you have an existing ASCP account, log in when prompted. If you are not an ASCP member, do not have an ASCP account or do not know your login information, please select 'Forgot Username/Password' and follow the prompts to receive a password re-set link via email. This will ensure your ABPCL credits are awarded properly. You can also contact ASCP Customer Service for further assistance, during regular business hours.

3. You may also choose to have your credits automatically appear in your ABPath PATHway account, which would be included in the $19 processing fee. To have credits claimed through ASCP transferred electronically to ABPath via the Accrediting Council for Continuing Medical Education Program and Activity Reporting System (ACCME PARS):

1. When logged in to www.ascp.org, navigate to your Dashboard by clicking 'Dashboard' in the top menu of any page.
2. Click the 'Profile & Settings' menu item.
3. From the Profiles & Settings popup, click the 'Privacy' tab.
4. Under 'ABPath Preferences', check the 'Allow my transcript information to be sent to ACCME' checkbox.
5. Click 'Save'.

*NOTE: Please allow 1 month for transcript data to be transferred.

If you have any questions about the ABPCL program, please email certlink@ascpath.org.



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ABPath CertLink® 2024 CME Credit Redemption

The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) and the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) have partnered to award Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit to physicians participating in the ABPath CertLink® .

Through this partnership, ASCP will award up to 4 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* (1.00 credits per quarter) to ABPath diplomates participating in the ABPath CertLink® in 2024. These credits are available to claim through March 31, 2026.

There is a $19 processing fee to receive your CME credits and transcript, which goes directly to ASCP in order to cover associated costs. Complete your purchase here to claim credits for any CertLink® participation during 2024.

List Price: $19.00

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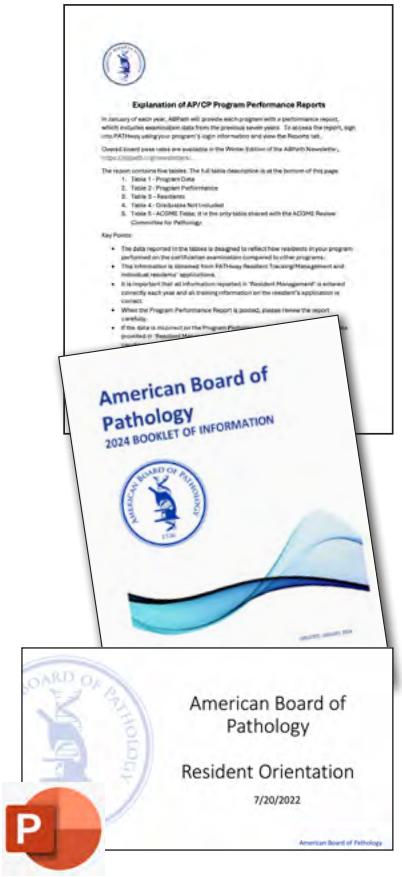
TRAINING PROGRAMS INFORMATION AND RESOURCES



Click to download the PPT file

The following information and more can be found on the updated ABPath Program Director and Program Coordinator page.

Program Performance Reports

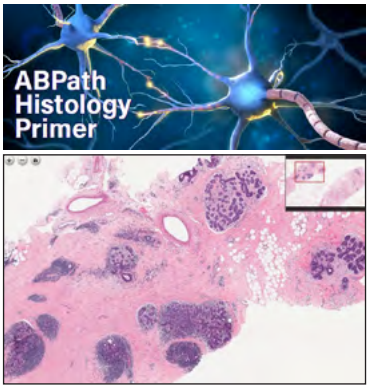
The Program Performance Reports will be released in January 2026 for residents and fellows who took exams in 2025. The reports include summarized information from the previous seven years. Please review program performance reports and check for inaccuracies. If inaccuracies are noted, please contact 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.



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. Residents can create their account on the Histology Primer page.

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.

ABMS AND CERTIFICATION INNOVATION

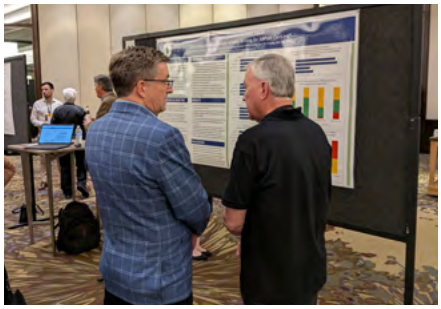
Dr. Barbara Sampson speaks on promoting professionalism

ABPath was pleased to take part in the ABMS Conference 2025 in Pittsburgh, which focused on *Transforming Certification for Better Care*. The meeting offered a valuable forum to share how ABPath continues to serve the public and support the pathology community through strong certification standards and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Trustee Dr. Barbara Sampson contributed to the Promoting Professionalism through the ABMS Ethics and Professionalism Committee and Member Boards symposium, highlighting key perspectives on professionalism in practice.

COO Ty McCarthy presented *From Inception to Innovation: The Journey of Longitudinal Assessment Programs*, offering insights into the development and evolution of ongoing assessment.

CIO Anthony Schlinsog shared ABPath's poster, *Not All AI LLMs Are Created Equal: A Comparative Evaluation for Pathology Exam Item Writing*, which explored the role of emerging technologies in supporting high-quality exam development.



ABPath CIO Anthony Schlinsog, MS, shares the LLM-Assisted Examination Item Writing poster, which was a PMP winner.

Pittsburgh Pirates mascot Potato Pete is joined by Drs. Rebecca Johnson, Kathleen Beavis, and Gary Procop.

EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

A summary of exam performance and trends for the year

ABPath uses criterion-referenced scoring for its certification examinations, with standards set every 3–5 years for each exam. 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.

These exam performance results are also published on the ABPath website:

- 2025 Primary Certification Exam Performance
- 2025 Subspecialty Certification Exam Performance

2025 Primary Examination

	Total Candidates			First-Time Takers			Repeaters		
	#	# Pass	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass
AP	695	585	84%	569	524	92%	126	61	48%
CP	617	514	83%	529	478	90%	88	37	42%

5-Year Certified Report

Primary	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
APCP	533	500	477	427	488
AP only	105	100	75	71	77
CP only	55	54	55	50	49
APNP	17	7	5	10	8

Primary Exam Pass Rates

Primary	2021 % Pass	2022 % Pass	2023 % Pass	2024 % Pass	2025 % Pass
AP only	82	87*	84	81	89
CP only	94	94*	94	88	88

% Pass = Spring exam pass rates **New criterion standard applied*

Subspecialty Certification Examinations

2025 Subspecialty Examinations

	Total Candidates			First-Time Takers			Repeaters		
	#	# Pass	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass
BB/TM	49	44	90	43	39	91	6	5	83
CH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CY	109	97	89	95	89	94	14	8	57
DP	33	29	88	29	27	93	4	2	50
FP	67	52	78	58	46	79	9	6	67
HP	123	119	97	117	115	98	6	4	67
MB	10	8	80	10	8	80	-	-	-
MG	56	50	89	49	45	92	7	5	71
NP	29	29	100	29	29	100	-	-	-
PP	17	17	100	13	13	100	4	4	100
FPClinMB*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**FPClinMB = Focus Practice Designation-Clinical Microbiology*

5-Year Certified Report

Subspecialty	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
BB/TM	39	29	58	49	44
CH	-	-	-	0	-
CI	27	25	17	25	-
CY	109	115	117	87	97
DP	41	43	45	40	29
FP	38	53	55	58	53
HP	108	110	133	129	119
MB	18	10	11	6	8
MG	49	51	59	44	50
NP	11	16	21	20	20
PP	20	18	21	14	16
FPClinMB*	-	-	-	-	-

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Subspecialty Examinations Pass Rates

Subspecialty	2021 % Pass	2022 % Pass	2023 % Pass	2024 % Pass	2025 % Pass
BB/TM	81	62	97	88	90*
CH	-	-	-	0	-
CI	77	66	77	74	-
CY	86	83	89	82	89*
DP	87	93*	90	91	88
FP	95	98	90*	87	78
HP	94	90	94	94	97*
MB	100	85*	100*	75	80
MG	94	84	95*	79	89
NP	90	92*	96*	100	100
PP	91	82*	88	82	100
FPClinMB**	-	-	-	-	-

**New criterion standard applied*

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EXAMINATION DATES FOR 2026

Exams (Pearson VUE)	2026 Dates
Anatomic / Clinical Pathology	
Spring	May 11 - June 6
Fall	October 5-19
Subspecialty	
Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine	September 8-28
Chemical Pathology	September 8-28
Cytopathology	September 8-28
Dermatopathology	September 8-28
Hematopathology	September 8-28
Forensic Pathology	September 8-28
Medical Microbiology	September 8-28
Molecular Genetic Pathology	September 8-28
Neuropathology	September 8-28
Pediatric Pathology	September 8-28
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!
Contact Chief Operating Officer Ty McCarthy
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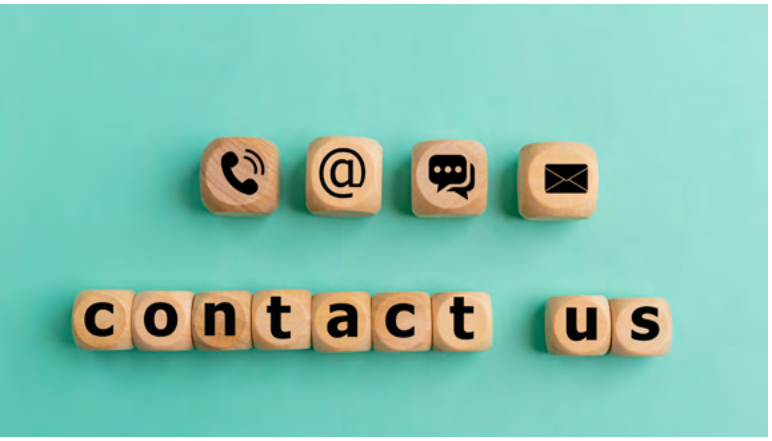

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