

Arizona Society of Pathologists Annual Meeting Oct. 25, 2025

Welcome to all of you and our attendees on Zoom!

Agenda

CME: Email will follow from CME office at U/A: 7 hours with MOC eligibility

Parking: Stickers for payment provided

Reminder: Lunch talk is non-CME: Sponsored by Recordati
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University of Arizona Pathology: Tucson: Lunch and Phoenix: CME

Pathology Specialists of Arizona: Notepads
Jennifer Erickson, COO and CFO: Registration



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Planning:

Drs. Yasmeen Butt (President Elect), Shipra Garg, Kellsey McHugh and Pete Manchen

Hosts: University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix:
Amber Ruby, Director of Events
Farrah Cutia, Program Manager, CME
Jorge Aquino-Rodriguez, CME coordinator
Ryan Loebe, Deb Gagliano, IT and Special Events
Additional support staff for setup and security

Catering: Citron Catering

If I left you out of these acknowledgements, my apologies!



Dr. Joel Moncur

Dr. Moncur is Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director of the Joint Pathology Center (formerly the AFIP) in Silver Spring, MD

A molecular and genetic pathologist, MS and PhD from Dartmouth College and MD from Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine

Previously, the Chair of Pathology at Walter Reed Military Medical Center

In 2020, he initiated a history digital transformation of the JPC's repository, over 5.5 million slides.

Prototype machine learning including detection, grade and prognosis of prostate cancer and research on molecular oncology and infectious diseases

Member of the CAP Board of Governors, Chair of CSA, Member of Information Technology Leadership and Finance Committees



Dr. Nicole
Deatheridge

Nikki Deatherage is currently a fourth year AP/CP resident at the University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson

Future, 2026-2027 forensic pathology fellow at the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner.

Graduated from Arizona State University with a BS in criminology and criminal justice

MD at the University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix in 2022.

She has had an interest in forensics for essentially her entire life and is thankful and excited to talk about a uniquely Arizonan perspective on managing the remains of undocumented border crossers.



Dr. Hadi Yaziji

Dr. Yaziji is the founder and Medical Director of Vitro Molecular Laboratories and the medical education organization Pathology Learning Centers

An international expert in breast pathology, IHC and FISH testing and American Board certified in anatomic pathology, clinical pathology and cytopathology

Adjunct Clinical Professor at the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center.

M.D. degree: University of Damascus, 1989; residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at the University of Louisville in 1996

Two fellowships in Surgical Pathology and Breast Pathology at the University of Washington in 1997 and 1998, under Dr. Allen Gown

Cytopathology Fellowship. MD Anderson Cancer Center in 1999

Published numerous original clinical research articles in peer-reviewed journals

Presented to pathologists and oncologists throughout the US and abroad. Served on numerous editorial boards and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the International Society of Applied Immunohistochemistry and Molecular Morphology (ISIMM)

ASCO/CAP testing guidelines on ER, HER2 and immunohistochemistry of cancer biomarker testing since 2008.



Amanda Sheinson

Amanda Sheinson serves as the Arizona Medical Association's Vice President of Government Affairs

An accomplished professional with more than fifteen years of experience in government relations

Responsible for leading ArMA's advocacy team in representing the interests of its physician members

Utilizing members' input, she steers the organization's advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal levels of the government.

Previously worked in private sector government relations, lobbying state and local governments on behalf of clients on a diverse array of issues

Served as the Director of legislative affairs for the Arizona Attorney General's Office and on staff at the Arizona State Senate

Master in public administration from Arizona State University and a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in sociology from the University of Arizona.



Dr. Bilal Ahmad

Dr. Ahmad, MD, MBA, FCAP is recent Chair of the Digital Pathology Innovation and Compliance Committee (DPICC) at Spectrum Healthcare Partners.

Board-certified hematopathologist with over a decade of experience, Dr. Ahmad combines clinical expertise with business acumen, holding an MBA and a track record of operational leadership across multi-hospital systems.

Spearheaded transformative initiatives in digital pathology, including the deployment of live microscopy for intraoperative evaluation, strategic digitization of slide workflows to optimize remote staffing, and the integration of AI tools to enhance diagnostic precision

Dr. Ahmad is deeply committed to leveraging technology to expand access, improve efficiency, and bring flexibility to pathology practice

Nationally, he serves as the Maine state Chair of the House of Delegates and as a member of the Digital and Computational Pathology Committee for the College of American Pathologists.



Dr. Eric Walk

Dr. Walk is Chief Medical Officer at PathAI in Boston, MA

Head of the Medical group, overseeing Medical Affairs, Pathology, Clinical Science, Regulatory and Quality functions

Over 20 years of experience in precision medicine, including oncology drug development, companion diagnostics development and AI pathology.

Chief Medical and Scientific Officer at Roche Tissue Diagnostics/Ventana Medical Systems, led Medical & Scientific Affairs

Novartis Oncology: Early Clinical Development and Translational Medicine

*Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Johns Hopkins University and MD,
University of Virginia School of Medicine.*

Board certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology; Fellow of the College of American Pathologists (CAP).

Member: CAP Digital & Computational Pathology Committee, SITC Pathology Committee, and Digital Pathology Association (DPA) Board.



Dr. Jiehao Zhao

Mayo Clinic Arizona: Senior Associate Consultant, Hematopathology Division;
Director, Hematology Laboratory (2023–present)

Indiana University: Assistant Professor and Associate Professor (2011–2022)

MD, Beijing Medical University, 1994

PhD in Pathobiology, University of Southern California, 2003

AP/CP Residency, Department of Pathology, University at Buffalo, 2010

Hematopathology Fellowship, Department of Pathology, Indiana University, 2011

Member, CAP Committee on Education

Ex-President, Indiana Association of Pathologists (2022)

Course Speaker, ASCP and USCAP Annual Meetings

Author of over 50 peer-reviewed publications



And as the Sun sets, we adjourn. Thank you!

