

50 REASONS WE LOVE BEING PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANTS



- 1 I love being a PA because every day is different, and you can always expect the unexpected! - Taylor A.
- 2 Everyday I get to help people and make the world a little better place. - Kevin V.
- 3 Teaching and talking about our career! Seeing the surprise and appreciation on someone's face when they see organs for the first time. The "that's so cool!" reaction never gets old! - Nicole M.
- 4 Autopsy dissection! - Lisa G.
- 5 I love being a PA because I feel that what I do is important, and that I am making a real difference in patient's lives! - Lindsey N.
- 6 I love all the different colors! Not only with the inks, but with the different specimens & pathologies! The human body is so colorful. - Lynette D.
- 7 I love advocating for our profession and explaining to people what I do on a daily basis. If what I do grosses them out a bit, that's just an added bonus! - Lindsey N.
- 8 I love that being a PA correlates the structure to function of human anatomy and disease states. - Joshua A.
- 9 Every day is different. You never know what you're going to walk into in the morning (like a box of chocolates!). - Taylor S.
- 10 Working as a PA is extremely rewarding. It can be very challenging, but with every specimen you know you are making a difference in a patient's life and it's worth it! - Susan S.
- 11 The amazing things I get the opportunity to see, the patients I get to help, and all the people I have had the pleasure to work with throughout the years! - Courtney F.
- 12 Finding a breast seed on the first cut! - Beth F.
- 13 I love being a physician extender. Much more responsibility than a tech, but still one level removed from 100% responsible. - Michelle B.
- 14 My favorite thing about being a PA is that I will never know everything about pathology. I am constantly learning new information and skills and finding ways to grow, so it is a career that will always remain interesting! - Katie F.
- 15 I love using critical thinking to figure out a section - what is the best way to cut this to demonstrate the pathology so the pathologist can make an accurate diagnosis? - Samantha E.
- 16 I love watching people's reactions when I tell them what I do for a living! - Megan G.
- 17 I love the practical application of my career & life experiences to our professional endeavors as uniquely qualified Pathologists' Assistants. Whether it be channeling academic knowledge to finely dissect a specimen, modeling professional practices for students, or the comprehensive judgement needed to decipher research tissue acquisition, our consistent best efforts as practitioners is an everyday, meaningful challenge. - Sarah R.
- 18 I love being a PA because I am continually amazed by the complexities of the human body. - Andy K.
- 19 In this profession, no two days are ever the same! Every day is an adventure. We venture into unknown territory to help the most vulnerable people: our patients. The feeling in knowing you submitted that tissue section that can save the patient's life - priceless. - Lashonda H.
- 20 I love that our profession always asks the question, "why?". We seek to understand why things aren't working down to the most basic elements. - Joel W.
- 21 I enjoy being a Pathologists' Assistant because I appreciate the complexity of extensive cancer resections and the challenge to ensure the most accurate diagnoses are reached for each patient. - Anthony M.
- 22 The work-life balance. I can fully dedicate myself to my job without worrying about taking it home with me. When I'm home, I can focus on my family and be completely present. - Kristina S.Z.
- 23 The community & the energy. - Dominic A.
- 24 My favorite thing is that I know I'm doing something good for others - I'm helping those with disease and cancer when I'm performing the gross dissection of their specimens, to help ensure they have an accurate diagnosis. - Sara M.
- 25 I feel a special connection to the patient: cheering for them when I see grossly clear margins, successful treatment, or life-changing elective surgeries; sympathizing when it doesn't look too good. At the end of the day, we're rooting for our patients. - Runa A.
- 26 I love that the field of pathology is constantly evolving, so we are always teaching & learning from others to provide optimal patient care. It is incredibly rewarding. - Sarah G.
- 27 The job is never routine. We see the same specimen types, but each one looks a little different. - Abby K.
- 28 I love the teamwork aspect of working directly with surgeons and pathologists during intraoperative frozen sections, especially with complex specimens. It's great when the surgeon comes in to orient a specimen and points to exactly which margin they're concerned about, so we're all on the same page with the patient's best care in mind. - Jonathan C.
- 29 After 18 years of grossing, I still occasionally see something I've never seen before! - Rhonda S.
- 30 My absolute favorite part is that I love that I share a passion and wicked sense of humor with so many like-minded PAs all over the country! - Courtney F.
- 31 PAs have the most interesting job. Even after working in the hospital setting for 20 years, I am constantly seeing new things! - Susan S.
- 32 No two days are the same! - Peyton A.
- 33 I love discovering unexpected findings in unexpected places. It makes me feel like an explorer discovering new pathological worlds. - Alyse G.
- 34 I learn something new every day!! - Geoff W.
- 35 I enjoy gaining an extensive & thorough understanding of how my own body functions through experience with autopsies and specimens at the bench. It is very fulfilling to continue to learn from and appreciate the body while helping patients gain the best possible medical care. - Jennifer S.
- 36 The human body is fascinating and every day I get to witness that. We work with body parts! Pretty cool. Not many people will get to say that in their lifetime. - Megan G.
- 37 I like that you never have the same day twice. You never know what a specimen will hold, and it always keeps you on your toes. Learning truly never stops as a PA. - Olivia S.
- 38 Being able to help people without interacting with them 😊 - Mary S.
- 39 I love it because we see what often is unseen by clinicians and surgeons. - Marbelly W.
- 40 Being PA is such a privilege! You get to feel closer and more in touch with your own body because you get to see what's potentially inside YOUR body daily. - Ashley M.
- 41 I love being a PA because every day is different. It's interesting to see the variations in anatomy and you'll never know what kinds of specimens will cross your bench that day! Plus, I love using my anatomy skills. - Mikayla B.
- 42 Endless variety! - Rebecca K.
- 43 The PA scope of practice is rapidly expanding. It's a great time to be a PA - I love being part of it! - Susan S.
- 44 Every day is unexpected, and what the human body can do is truly profound. - Annie S.
- 45 Even though we are behind the scenes, our work directly impacts patient care. Behind every surgical number for every single specimen is a story! - Nadia S.
- 46 I love being part of a profession where every day I come to work, I see and have a role in things that the average person doesn't get to see or do. - Joel W.
- 47 Finding a breast biopsy marker clip while sectioning gives me instant gratification! - April H.
- 48 It's never a dull moment in the life of a PA! You will always see something new and interesting come across your bench. - Amy S.
- 49 I think one of the best parts of our jobs is the work-life balance! We're lucky to have a career with plenty of 9-5, Monday-Friday opportunities. - Hannah A.
- 50 I love being a PA because of the impact it has on the patient's care. They might not know who we are, but I am relieved to know that their specimen is being handled by a highly trained, highly educated, certified medical professional. - Cory N.

WHAT'S YOUR REASON? ✍️