

AAPA Meetings, Conventions, and Conferences



"The first annual meeting of the AAPA was held in the fall of 1975 in Atlanta, GA. It was more of a business/organizational meeting rather than educational. I do not remember any lectures or seminars. We did elect the first officers from the members present – there were all of 35 of us. We also started to revise the "Code of Regulations", established the original committees (chairs as well as members), had very heated discussions regarding formally and on-the-job (OJT) trained members and decided to have a "Fellowship" exam which would be given at the next annual meeting. Members who were eligible for "Fellow" membership had a timeframe for taking and passing the exam. Ron Findley was an OJT from Arkansas who spoke in favor of OJTs and was instrumental in their initial acceptance into AAPA membership."

John Mitchell

The AAPA meetings and conferences are continually evolving. In addition to CE lectures, the fall annual conference also hosts BOT and committee meetings, student roundtables, the golf classic, a 5K run/walk, poster sessions, and a robust exhibit hall. Attendees have the opportunity to network during receptions and breakfast, and can make new friends by joining Dinner with Strangers. The annual conference remains one of the best ways to meet other PAs, learn new things, and get involved.

In 2017, the AAPA Fall Conference Social Cause was established to help establish the AAPA as an organization that not only focuses inward, but also looks outward to help others. Through efforts at the fall conference, the AAPA and our members have raised thousands of dollars to support organizations such as Living Beyond Breast Cancer and Be the Match.

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As part of this year's social awareness cause, look for ways to support Open Arms of Minnesota throughout the conference.

Open Arms of Minnesota is a nonprofit organization that prepares and delivers nourishing meals free of charge to critically ill Minnesotans and their families.

The spring meeting is condensed and focused on CE, with only a few daily sponsor exhibit tables. Traditionally, breakfast and lunch have been included in the registration rate, making this shorter meeting a great value for those with limited time off or those with limited meeting reimbursement.

This year we held the first summer meeting, which was often suggested by attendees in the post-conference surveys.

We remain committed to providing the best pathologists' assistant specific continuing education credits.

PA Speaker Spotlight
Support your PA colleagues during their lectures!

Meghan Pickard, MS, PA(ASCP)TM
M Health Minnesota Physicians
Tuesday, September 20, 8:00 am - 9:00 am
High Morale in the Lab: What It Is, What It Isn't, and How We Get It Back
1.0 CME Credit

Lori Marini, MHS, PA(ASCP)TM, Master Life and Wellness Coach, ICF ACC, BCC
Lori Marini Coaching
Wednesday, September 21, 1:25 pm - 2:25 pm
From Pathologist Assistant to Patient to Courageous Warrior
1 General AP Credit

Jessie Spates, PA(ASCP)TM
Voicebreak, LLC
Wednesday, September 21, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Structured Reporting in Pathology and Impact on Patient Care
1 General AP Credit

Thursday, September 22, 11:55 am - 12:55 pm
An Introduction, Assessment, and the Future Direction of the AAPA Preceptor Program
1 General AP Credit

Kristine McCuskey, EdD, MHS, PA(ASCP)TM
Christine Narasim, MHS, MEd(ASCP)TM, PA(ASCP)TM
Kayli Lyall, MS, PA(ASCP)TM

Get involved! Scan the code for more information on presenting a lecture, or volunteering to help with conferences, education materials, virtual content, and more!



LOOKING FORWARD

The past several years we have been honored to welcome numerous PAs as speakers at AAPA conferences and meetings. Presentations given by PAs are often some of the most popular and well-received lectures. As experts on grossing, PAs belong on that stage, sharing our experience and knowledge with our peers.

PA speakers elevate our profession, and are vital to the success of our continuing education offerings.

Check out the Spring Meeting PA speaker lineup!

Steve Taylor, MHS, HTL(ASCP)TM, PA(ASCP)TM
Castle BioSciences
Monday, April 4, 9:05 AM - 9:05 AM
Challenging the Diagnosis: The Value of Performing the Autopsy
Tuesday, April 5, 8:05 AM - 9:05 AM
Lectures: Tumors in the Pediatric Population

Chesha Green, MEd, PA(ASCP)TM
Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center
Monday, April 4, 10:00 PM - 2:00 PM
When a Nodule Isn't Just a Nodule: What to Watch Out for When Grossing Thyroids

Rachel Larson, MS, PA(ASCP)TM
Mayo Clinic
Wednesday, April 6, 10:35 AM - 11:35 AM
Neuropathology for Pathologists' Assistants

Lance Erickson, PA(ASCP), HTL, MS
Intermountain Healthcare - Primary Children's Hospital
Wednesday, April 6, 9:05 AM - 9:05 AM
Examination of the Modified Fetal Heart at Autopsy

Sarah Garner, MS, PA(ASCP)TM
Tulane University School of Medicine
Tuesday, April 5, 9:20 AM - 10:20 AM
Anatomic Pathology Board Review and 3D Organ Evaluation: A Novel Interprofessional Curriculum Design for Pathology Residents and Pathologists' Assistant Students
Wednesday, April 6, 9:20 AM - 10:20 AM
The Role of Pathologists' Assistants as Educators: Job Outlook and Satisfaction



Pathologists' Assistants Sarah Garner, Dennis Strenk, and Courtney Hyland, along with remote guest Michael Schubert, present on professional advocacy at the 2021 Fall Conference in Seattle.

Inaugural Summer Meeting
July 25-27, 2022 | Baltimore, Maryland

Help us celebrate 50 years of the AAPA! Join us for our Golden Anniversary!

More PA-led lectures!

Chesha Green, MS, PA(ASCP)TM
MedStar Georgetown University Hospital
Monday, July 25, 9:20 AM - 10:20 AM
Grossing Thyroid & Parathyroid: A Review of the Literature and Practical Application
1 General AP Credit

Emily J. Lyles, MS, PA(ASCP)TM
Tulane University School of Medicine
Tuesday, July 26, 10:35 AM - 11:35 AM
Parathyroid and Fetal Autopsy: A Review of the Literature and Practical Application
1 General AP Credit

Crystal Tran, PA(ASCP)TM
George Washington University Hospital
Wednesday, July 27, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
The Evolution of Reporting and Pathology
1 General AP Credit

The fall conference has been offered as a "hybrid" event several times (including this year), where attendees can choose to either attend in person or virtually. Using an app, virtual attendees can ask questions and interact with the speaker just like the in-person attendees.

The pandemic presented new challenges for meetings, and the AAPA responded by offering several virtual CE opportunities to replace meetings that could not be held in person. These included recorded lectures, online poster sessions, a virtual spring meeting and virtual symposium. These CE events have been well received and successful, and we hope to continue providing virtual content going forward.

Fall for Pathology
2020 Virtual CE Series

2021 Virtual Spring Meeting
March 20 - 21, 2021

Virtual Symposium of Pancreatic Disease for Pathologists' Assistants
Saturday, July 24, 2021