

Pathologists' Assistants as Subject Matter Experts in Gross Pathology

On January 1, 2010, The OJT route to certification is officially closed and admittance to the AAPA Affiliate member category is also officially closed. The only path to become eligible to sit for the ASCP certification exam is now to graduate from a NAACLS-accredited training program. All future AAPA members must also be trained by a NAACLS-approved training program.

In 2010 the AAPA offers a new CME source "Beyond the Bench", a pathologists' assistant specific publication of various pathology topics. The compilation of articles with quizzes supplements CME offered through AAPA educational conferences and newsletter articles with quizzes.



In 2011 the AAPA Newsletter is reformatted as a full-color, peer-reviewed journal publication and renamed The Cutting Edge.



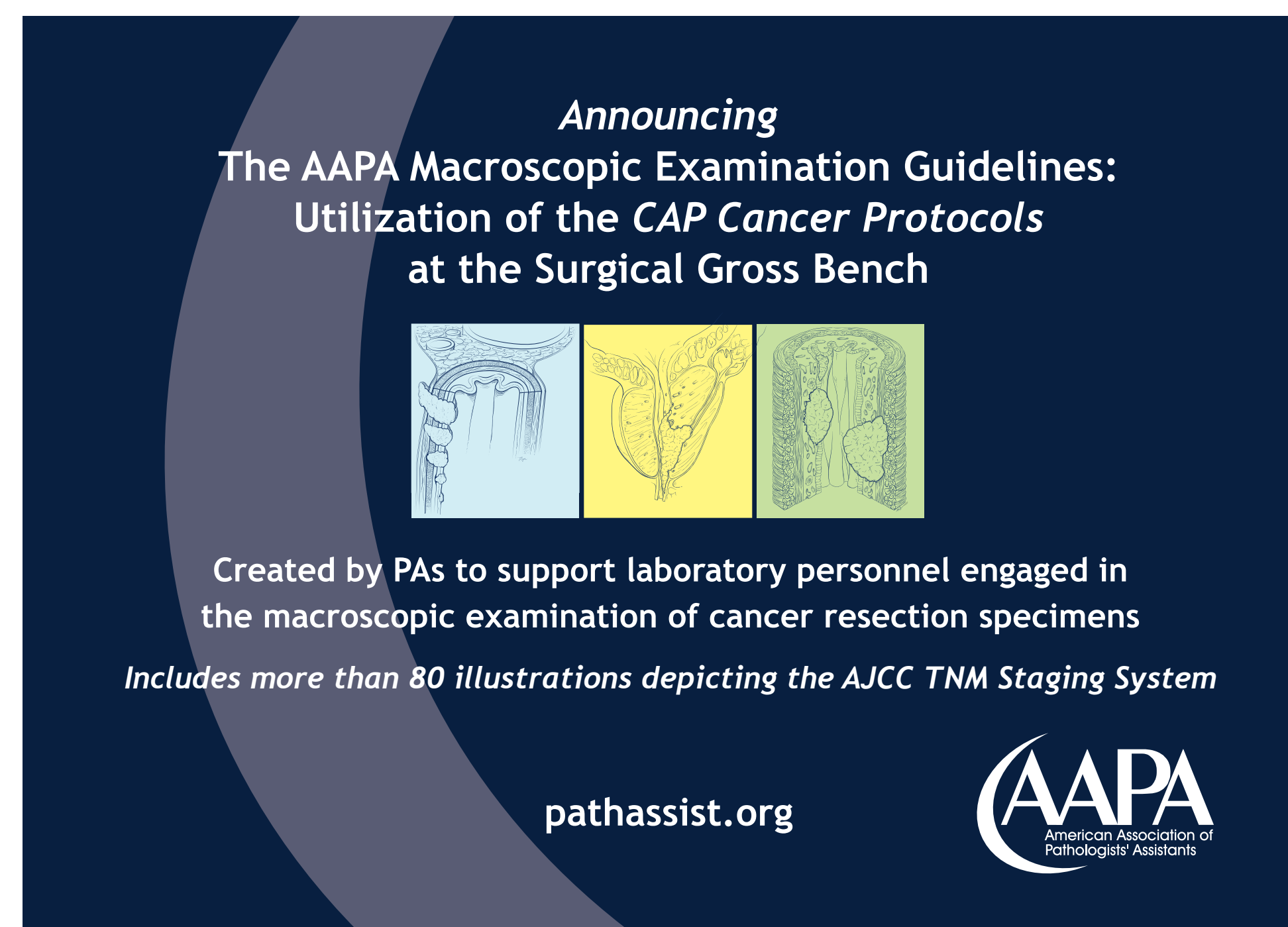
In 2012 the first Spring Meeting is held, offering a CE-focused, no frills meeting alternative.



In 2013 the AAPA becomes a member organization of the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC).

In 2016, all remaining baccalaureate degree programs are converted to master's degree programs. All future certification exam candidates are now required to graduate from a master's level NAACLS-accredited pathologists' assistants training program, and as previously required, must successfully pass the exam within five years of graduation.

In 2017 The AAPA Macroscopic Examination Guidelines: Utilization of the CAP Cancer Protocols at the Surgical Gross Bench (Grossing Guidelines), 1st edition is released.



New CMP requirements apply to PA(ASCP)SM certificants re-certifying on or after January 1, 2022.

- 60 points required during a three-year period
 - 1 point in laboratory or patient safety (i.e. quality control, quality assurance)
 - 20 points in general anatomic pathology
 - 15 points addressing macroscopic examination and staging of cancer cases (i.e. advanced cancer anatomic pathology) **NEW!**
 - 1 point in medical ethics **NEW!**
 - 23 remaining points in areas of anatomic pathology, management, education, or other clinical specialties

The AAPA now offers 20 free CE credits annually to its members.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

LIVE CE WEBINAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

6:00 PM CDT

REGISTER AT PATHASSIST.ORG

Moderated By:

Juniper Fedor
AAPA Student Committee
Public Relations Chair

1 Medical Ethics Credit Available

Choose how you earn your continuing education (CE) credit:

- Attend the live webinar (no quiz required)
- or
- Watch the recorded webinar (available mid-April and take the corresponding quiz*)

*Those who earn credit for attending the live webinar are NOT eligible to receive CE for watching the recorded webinar and taking the corresponding quiz.

Free continuing education credits offered to AAPA members include live and recorded webinars, manuscripts, and articles.

The AAPA exists because its members are involved and engaged in activities to keep the profession relevant, current, and thriving. Volunteers are vital to every aspect of the Association, and we cannot function without you!

Many volunteer opportunities are available, to fit your desired level of participation and area of interest. From once a year, short-term needs (poster reviewing, bell ringing at conference) to more time-consuming activities (writing an article, presenting at a conference) to long-term participation (serving on a committee or the BOT), there is truly something for everyone.

Find out how you can help by speaking with a BOT or Committee member, Central Office staff, by visiting pathassist.org, or by scanning the QR code below.



Get Involved!



LOOKING FORWARD

The AAPA is pleased to begin the release of the 3rd edition AAPA Macroscopic Examination Guidelines: Utilization of the CAP Cancer Protocols at the Surgical Bench (Grossing Guidelines). The 3rd Edition of the Grossing Guidelines has a new and streamlined format that is designed for ease of use at the gross bench and is a valuable reference for the new graduate pathologists' assistant as well as the experienced pathologists' assistant, pathology resident, or pathologist.

The MarComm Committee is currently laying the groundwork that will allow The Cutting Edge to be indexed on PubMed.



“I have never been so proud to be a PA and serve alongside an amazing group of volunteers that give so much of themselves for the betterment of our profession.”

Jennifer Perez, MS, PA(ASCP)SM
Vice Chair/Secretary, AAPA BOT



Ways to get involved:

- Speak at an AAPA conference
- Apply for a travel grant or scholarship by submitting a manuscript
- Write an article for The Cutting Edge
- Help promote the profession by engaging on social media
- Present a poster
- Contribute to the Grossing Guidelines
- Promote PA day
- Enter a photo contest
- Volunteer on a committee
- Submit a grossing video
- Help out at a conference
- Become a mentor or clinical preceptor
- Join the Peer-Review Team