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ACVP
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2026 ACVP Annual Meeting Program

**as of May 1, 2026*

Friday, November 13

5-8pm

Meeting Registration open

5-8pm

Speaker Ready Room open

Saturday, November 14

7am-7pm

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Lactation Lounge Open

8am-5pm

Quiet Room Open

8am-12pm

Forensics Workshop

When Animal and Human Violence Intersect: The Role of Veterinary Forensic Pathology

**Additional fee required*

Chairs: Adam Stern, DVM DACVP (AP), Founding Fellow Forensic Pathology; Jason Brooks, VMD PhD DACVP (AP), Founding Fellow Forensic Pathology

This workshop will focus on the principles and application of veterinary forensic pathology in the investigation of suspected crimes against animals. During this workshop, emphasis will be placed on the broader public safety implications of animal cruelty investigations, as some cases encountered will be associated with interpersonal violence and, even, human fatalities. Presentations during this workshop will include investigations involving human-animal interactions (animal attacks), concurrent human and animal fatality cases, intentional

intoxications. Speakers will discuss case findings and the importance of integrating scene findings, medical history, and autopsy results to reach their conclusions. We will emphasize how thorough forensic pathology can contribute critical evidence in high-stakes cases where the findings may intersect with broader violent crime investigations involving human victims. The workshop will also address the role of the forensic pathologist within the legal system. Topics will include preparation of forensic reports, collaboration with investigators and prosecutors, and effectively communicating scientific findings in court to judges and juries.

Intended audience: anatomic pathologists, clinical pathologists, pathology trainees, and veterinary students who may encounter cases of legal importance

8am-12pm , 1:30-5pm

Primate Workshop

Neuropathology in Non-Human Primates: From Spontaneous Disease to Translational Insights

**Additional fee required*

Chairs: Katherine Olstad, DVM DACVP (AP) Mary Duncan, BVMS PhD MRCVS DACVP (AP); Mathew Starost, DVM PhD DACVP (AP) Forgivemore Magunda, BVSc MPH PhD DACVP (AP), DABT

The 2026 Primate Workshop will highlight neuropathology, a discipline that can be challenging across all career stages yet represents a critical intersection between naturally occurring disease, aging biology, and translational research in non-human primates. The program is designed for a broad audience that includes veterinary students, anatomic pathology residents, fellows, and early- to late-career anatomic pathologists working across academia, industry, government, and the zoo and wildlife sectors. The workshop will combine expert keynote presentations with case-based presentations to provide practical diagnostic frameworks while showcasing spontaneous disease processes and emerging applications relevant to nonhuman primates.

Intended audience: veterinary students, anatomic pathology residents, fellows, and early- to late-career anatomic pathologists working across academia, industry, government, and the zoo and wildlife sectors.

8am-12pm, 1:30-5pm

ACVP Training Program Accreditation

A Workshop on Application How-Tos & Program Resource Sharing

**Separate registration required. This workshop is offered for pathologists involved in training program leadership only.*

Chairs: Amy C. Durham MS VMD MEd DACVP (AP); Molly E. Church MS VMD PhD DACVP (AP)

This full-day workshop will be composed of two offerings: The morning will focus on the nuts and bolts of the Training Program Accreditation (TPA) application. The first half of the workshop will start with an introductory, lecture-style TPA overview, followed by structured small-group workshop activities. Training Program Accreditation Committee (TPAC) members and program directors (PDs) from the first cycle of applicant programs will facilitate small-group, roundtable discussions. TPAC members and Cycle 1 PDs will share their experiences with the review and application processes, respectively. There will be intermittent larger group discussions throughout the session. Attendees will be provided with workbooks and should expect to have some work product on their application at the end of the workshop.

The afternoon will focus on how residency program resources can be shared across programs to foster collaboration and create the optimal learning environment for all trainees. **Attendees will be asked to map their**

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curriculum to the [Core Competency Framework](#) as part of pre-meeting preparation to identify program strengths and unique assets, as well as limitations or unmet training needs. The workshop will be structured to allow programs to explore partnership models to fill gaps collaboratively and build sustainable cross program networks for shared training, resident remediation, faculty development, and resource exchange.

Intended audience: program directors and Diplomates involved in training.

8am-12pm, 1:30-5pm

Diagnostic Reporting Workshop

Cytopathology and Histopathology Report Standardization

**Additional fee required*

Chairs: Jennifer Matlow, DVM MS DACVP (CP); Kathy Freeman, DVM PhD DECVCP, FRCPath, MRCVS; A Russell Moore, DVM MS DACVP (CP); Donald Meuten, DVM PhD DACVP (AP/CP)

Research in human and veterinary medicine shows that clinicians receiving pathology reports misunderstand roughly one-third of them -- not just the interpretation/diagnosis, but the pathologist's intended degree of confidence in it. This workshop approaches quality improvement opportunities in reporting from both the human and veterinary medical perspective, with an emphasis on cytopathology and including complementary efforts in histopathology. The morning will overview the evolution of existing approaches for increasing report clarity and consistency, followed by an afternoon of interactive discussions using prepared and participant-contributed cases to explore general strategies for report standardization. The workshop will conclude with open discussion on priorities and next steps for veterinary cytopathology reporting with identification of synergistic opportunities across cytopathology and histopathology.

Intended audience: clinical pathologists, anatomic pathologists, pathology trainees, clinical practice veterinarians, and veterinary students: all current and future producers and consumers of cytology and histopathology reports.

8am-12pm, 1:30-5pm

Davis-Thompson Foundation Workshop

Unravelling Interstitial Lung Disease

**Additional fee required*

Chair: Kelsey Fiddes, DVM DACVPM DACVP (AP)

Pathology of the respiratory system, especially of the interstitial lung diseases, creates considerable difficulty for diagnostic pathologists due to the complexity of lesions, overlapping histologic features of the many conditions that affect the respiratory tract, and development of new knowledge of these diseases. Our speakers will present a workshop based on their extensive experience in respiratory pathology which include authorship of book chapters and scholarly articles on respiratory diseases.

Intended audience: veterinary students, interns, residents, graduate students, and anatomic pathologists.

3:30-5pm

Meet the Pathologists

Chairs: Heather Shive, DVM PhD DACVP (AP)

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Join us for an informative and insightful discussion on careers in veterinary pathology from established or earlier career ACVP members representing diverse sectors and disciplines. Panelists will introduce their careers, discuss their paths, and describe how they benefit society in a variety of meaningful ways, with attendees welcome to pose questions on these topics and the roles for pathologists in various arenas. This informal exchange is designed for veterinary students considering a career in veterinary pathology as well as pathologists/pathologists-in-training thinking about how to navigate their professional trajectories.

Intended audience: pathology trainees (both anatomic and clinical pathology) and veterinary students, and pathologists considering a career change. All conference attendees are welcome.

5:30-7pm

Exhibit Hall open

Welcome Celebration

Veterinary student poster viewing with authors present, and exhibit booths first look!

All meeting attendees are invited and welcome to participate in the kick-off of the 2026 Annual Meeting. Interact with veterinary students presenting scientific posters and visit our exhibitors to find out more about vet path products and services. A complimentary beverage of your choice and light snacks will be offered with the intent for colleagues to make dinner plans on their own, post-celebration! (Additional beverages available for purchase.)

Intended audience: all attendees and registered guests

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6:30am-6:30pm

Meeting Registration open

6:30-7:30am

Morning Movement – Yoga / Meditation

Chairs: Katherine N. Gibson-Corley, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Leslie D. Wilson, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Kaori Sakamoto, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Sue E. Knoblauch, DVM DACVP (AP)

Join us for yoga and meditation during the 2026 ACVP Annual Meeting! Fellow Diplomates, yoga teachers, and meditation experts will lead in-person sessions in the morning before the meeting begins. Classes are designed for beginners but will be appropriate for all yoga and meditation practitioners. Everyone is welcome!

Intended audience: all attendees

7am-6pm

Speaker Ready Room open

7-8am

Sunrise Poster Viewing: Diagnostic Pathology

Coffee and tea available.

7-9am

Veterinary Student Breakfast

Chairs: Abigail Armwood, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Olivia M. Patania, DVM PhD DACVP (AP)

The ACVP Student Engagement Committee invites all veterinary students attending the 2026 Annual Meeting to join us for an ACVP-provided breakfast and networking event, featuring the second annual Pathletes competition. This fun and interactive event offers students the opportunity to connect with committee pathologists, enjoy breakfast, and win prizes. During the event, we will also celebrate various achievements by announcing the Veterinary Student Poster Awards and recognizing the 2026 Mentor of the Year. Pathletes is an inter-institutional, trivia-style competition focused on pathology knowledge. Signs ups for your team to compete in Pathletes are forthcoming. Students are encouraged to register for this no-cost event when registering for the Annual Meeting.

Intended audience: veterinary students

8am-5pm

Lactation Lounge Open

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8am-5pm

Quiet Room Open

8am-12pm

Opening Plenary

Artificial Intelligence in Pathology and Medicine - From Foundation Models to Clinical Practice

Chairs: Candice Chu, DVM PhD DACVP (CP); Elisa Salas, DVM DACVP (AP)

Artificial intelligence (AI) is fundamentally changing diagnostic medicine. From large language models redefining clinical workflows to computational pathology foundation models trained on tens of millions of whole-slide images, these technologies are moving rapidly from research benchmarks into routine clinical practice - raising urgent questions about validation, deployment, regulation, and professional responsibility. This session brings together an interdisciplinary panel of human and veterinary medical experts to examine the current state and near-term trajectory of AI across diagnostic pathology and medicine. The goal of this session is to provide ACVP members with an accurate and current understanding of where AI stands in human medicine today: where evidence-based translation is actively occurring, and to examine the caveats, opportunities, and challenges this creates for veterinary pathology practice and research.

Intended audience: anatomic pathologists, clinical pathologists, pathology trainees, veterinary students, and pathologists who are interested in AI

9:45-10:15am

Education Break with Diagnostic Pathology Poster Authors Present

Coffee and tea available.

9:45am-3:30pm

Exhibit Hall open

Diagnostic Pathology poster viewing

12-1:30pm

Pathology Trainee Networking Lunch

Chair: Molly E. Church MS VMD PhD DACVP (AP)

ACVP's Pathology Training Committee invites pathology trainees to an opportunity to meet and network with board certified pathologists from various job sectors, over a casual ACVP-provided lunch. Attendees will rotate between tables hosted by pathologists to ask questions about their career paths. Attendees are encouraged to connect with pathologists from job sectors they are interested in, as well as exploring ones they may not have previously considered.

Invited audience: pathology trainees

12:15-1:15pm

Veterinary Student Platform Session

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Chair: Santhi Sridharan, BVSc MVSs PhD MVeTSc DACVP (AP) DABT

This session will feature platform presentations from selected veterinary students, showcasing case reports and research projects across three categories: diagnostic pathology, natural diseases, and experimental diseases.

1:30-5pm

Discussion Forum -- Shaping the Future with Artificial Intelligence

Chairs: Christof A. Bertram, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Craig A. Miller, DVM PhD DACVP (AP)

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly influencing veterinary pathology, with expanding applications across toxicologic pathology, diagnostic pathology, workflow optimization, and workforce development. Despite growing interest and adoption, there remains substantial variability in awareness, acceptance, and preparedness within the pathology community. This session will provide an interactive, educational platform for attendees to explore how AI is shaping the future of veterinary pathology and to collectively examine opportunities, challenges, and expectations.

Intended audience: pathologists and trainees across practice sectors, including industry, diagnostic laboratories, academia, government, and regulatory roles; for trainees, early career pathologists, mid-career practitioners, senior pathologists, and hiring managers

1:30-5pm

From Cells to Sections: Clinical Pathology-Histology Correlations in One Pathology

Chairs: Mandy Womble, DVM PhD DACVP (AP) Amanda Huffman, DVM MS DACVP (AP/CP)



Diagnostic pathology spans organ systems, species, and disciplines, yet the fundamental principles of disease recognition remain shared. Clinical pathology techniques including cytology and other minimally invasive diagnostic approaches provide rapid insight into disease processes, while gross examination and histopathology offer critical architectural context for definitive diagnosis. Integrating findings from clinical pathology and histology highlights the continuum from cellular abnormalities to tissue-level lesions. This session will present case-based examples illustrating clinical pathology histology correlations across a range of species and organ systems. Speakers will compare clinical pathology findings with corresponding gross and/or histologic lesions to highlight diagnostic concordance, unexpected discrepancies, and common interpretive challenges encountered in veterinary diagnostic practice. Presentations may include cases from hepatic pathology, toxicologic pathology, and large animal medicine. By examining lesions from the clinical pathology bench to the histology slide, this session emphasizes the concept of One Pathology, demonstrating how collaboration between disciplines strengthens diagnostic interpretation and advances our understanding of disease across species.

Intended audience: veterinary pathologists at all career stages, including residents, early-career diplomates, experienced diagnosticians in both anatomic and clinical pathology, as well as pathology-focused veterinary students.

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1:30-5pm

Fundamentals of Instrument and Method Validation: A Real-World and Case-Based Approach

Chairs: Kirstin Barnhart, DVM PhD DACVP (CP); Liza Bau-Gaudreault, DACVP (CP)

Attendees will learn about the concepts, strategies and deliverables that are required when planning and implementing instrument and method validations. The information will be presented in the context of a case study that represents a common real-world requirement in a clinical pathology laboratory.

Intended audience: clinical pathologists, particularly with some responsibility for developing new methods and bringing new instruments to the laboratory

1:30-5pm

Diagnostic Pathology Focused Scientific Session I

The diagnostic pathology sessions feature speakers presenting case reports of diseases in a broad variety of animal species, ranging from updates on classic conditions to unusual disease entities. The sessions are a great training resource for both the trainee and the experienced pathologist.

3-3:30pm

Education Break with Diagnostic Pathology Poster Authors Present

Coffee and tea available.

3:30-5:30pm

Veterinary Students and Residents Forum

Chairs: Chloe Chan Goodwin, DVM, PhD, DACVP (AP); Abigail Armwood, DVM, PhD, DACVP (AP), DABVP (Fish Practice)

The Forum offers an opportunity for current pathology training program residents and faculty to showcase their offerings to interested veterinary students. The informal event, organized by ACVP's Student Engagement Committee, offers students an opportunity to meet face-to-face with current trainees and faculty, learn more about each program, and ask questions in a relaxed setting. Veterinary pathology programs interested in showcasing can [reserve a table](#) by September 15.

Intended audience: veterinary students (with training program faculty and current trainees exhibiting)

5:30-7pm

ACVP Business Meeting

**Open to current ACVP members only*

Chair: Anne Provencher, DVM MSc DACVP (CP) DECVCP Fellow IATP

All ACVP members are invited and encouraged to attend the ACVP Business Meeting. Led by the ACVP President, an overview of ACVP activities/updates will be shared.

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7-9pm

Neuropathology Mystery Slide Session

Chair: Daniel Rissi, DACVP (AP)

The mystery neuropathology session has been a mainstay at the annual ACVP meeting dating back close to four decades. Six cases will be presented and discussed further by a panel of expert veterinary neuropathologists. As in the last several years, a neuropathology image quiz will accompany the session. The mystery neuropathology session has been a mainstay at the annual ACVP meeting dating back close to four decades. Cases will be presented and discussed further by a panel of expert veterinary neuropathologists. **Case histories and slides will be posted on acvp.org in October for registrant review before attending the session.* Attendees are offered a complimentary beverage of choice. (Additional beverages available for purchase.)

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6:30-7:30am

Morning Movement – Pilates

Chairs: Katherine N. Gibson-Corley, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Leslie D. Wilson, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Kaori Sakamoto, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Sue E. Knoblauch, DVM DACVP (AP)

Join us for Pilates during the 2026 ACVP Annual Meeting! This is a 45-minute mind-body Pilates session designed to improve strength, mobility, and happiness, using a blend of slow, controlled movements, breathwork, and supportive coaching. Everyone is welcome!

Intended audience: All attendees

7am-5pm

Meeting Registration open

7am-6pm

Speaker Ready Room open

7-8am

Sunrise Poster Viewing: Clinical Pathology, Experimental Disease, Industrial and Toxicologic Pathology, and Natural Disease

Coffee and tea available.

8am-5pm

Lactation Lounge Open

8am-5pm

Quiet Room Open

8am-12pm

Comparative Immuno-Oncology: Translational Insights from Companion Animal Cancers

Chairs: Adam Harris, DVM PhD DACVP (CP); Markia Klosowski, DVM DACVP (CP)

Immunotherapy has transformed the landscape of human oncology, yet the majority of promising preclinical strategies fail during early clinical translation. One major limitation of traditional experimental models is their inability to recapitulate the immune, environmental, and aging contexts in which cancer naturally arises and evolves. Companion animals with spontaneous cancers provide a biologically relevant and clinically actionable bridge between murine models and human trials. This session will highlight advances in comparative immuno-oncology and illustrate how studies in companion animals with naturally occurring malignancies are informing human immunotherapy development. Topics will include translational immunotherapeutic strategies, tumor microenvironment modulation, macrophage and myeloid targeting, CAR-T and cellular therapies, and the integration of veterinary clinical trials into human drug development pipelines. Speakers will present examples

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of how spontaneous disease in companion animals enables rapid assessment of immune-targeted therapeutics, provides insight into the development of clinically relevant immunomodulatory strategies. Emphasis will be placed on bidirectional benefit: improving outcomes for veterinary patients while informing human oncology. This session is designed to provide attendees with a framework for understanding the scientific rigor and translational value of comparative immuno-oncology research.

Intended audience: anatomic pathologists, clinical pathologists, trainees, veterinary students

8am-12pm

Navigating Disease and Health in Aquatic Research Models

Chairs: Kerriann Casey, DVM DACVP (AP); Katherine Gibson-Corley, DVM PhD DACVP (AP)

Aquatic animal models, including fish, amphibians, and marine species, play a pivotal role in biomedical research, toxicology testing, and environmental monitoring. Understanding the unique pathological aspects of these species is essential to maintaining their health, ensuring the quality of scientific data, and advancing our knowledge of disease processes. This session will bring together experts in aquatic laboratory animal pathology to discuss diagnostic challenges and novel models, highlighting the importance of aquatic animals in biomedical research.

Intended audience: anatomic pathologists specializing in comparative pathology and biomedical research, trainees, veterinary students

8am-12pm

Wildlife Health and Conservation

Chairs: Nicole Nemeth DACVP (AP); Brigid Troan, DVM DACVP (AP)

This session will be comprised of speakers who are experts in the field of wildlife health/disease, encompassing free-ranging wildlife. Topics will include a variety of taxa (from cervids to fish), disease processes, and approaches to a better understanding of challenges to wildlife health and conservation.

Intended audience: anatomic pathologists, clinical pathologists, pathology trainees, veterinary students, and pathologists with a wildlife-specific interest (zoo and/or free-ranging) or broader disease interest.

8am-12pm

Diagnostic Pathology Focused Scientific Session II

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9:45-10:15am

Education Break with Clinical Pathology, Experimental Disease, Industrial and Toxicologic Pathology, and Natural Disease Poster Authors Present

Coffee and tea available.

9:45-3:30pm

Exhibit Hall open

Clinical Pathology, Experimental Disease, Industrial and Toxicologic Pathology, and Natural Disease poster viewing

**** Exhibits close at 3:30pm.**

12-2:30pm

LCPG Education Session and Business Meeting

Chairs: Francisco R Carvalho, MV DSc DACVP (AP); Melissa Macias-Rioseco, DVM MPVM PhD DACVP (AP)

The Latin Comparative Pathology Group (LCPG) offers a session in English at each ACVP Annual Meeting, providing educational and networking opportunities for all pathologists. This year's session will include cases presentation session by trainees, a lecture by Dr. Leandro Teixeira, and the LCPG business meeting. All the scientific presentations, lecture, and the business meetings are open to all Annual Meeting attendees.

12-1:30

Education presentations

1:30-2:30

LCPG Business Meeting

Francisco R Carvalho, MV DSc DACVP (AP)

Intended audience: anatomic pathologist, pathology trainees, veterinary students, and faculty

12:15-1:15pm

Building Bridges -- Collaborative Approaches for Comparative Pathology Training

Chairs: Keith Nelson, DVM PhD DACVP (AP), FIATP; Katherine Heinz-Taheny, DVM PhD DACVP (AP), DABT; Emily Corbin, DVM DACVP (AP)

Join the Advocacy and Policy Committee and Pathology Training Committee as they reveal results from a recent ACVP survey on pathology career pathways. This survey captured the views of veterinary pathology trainees and early career pathologists on various career sectors and the factors influencing their employment choices. Key discussion points include the impact of training on career outlooks, the prioritization of various career aspects and benefits, and how different specific sectors are perceived (academia, industry, government, diagnostics).

Intended audience: anatomic pathologists and clinical pathologists, particularly those invested in pathology training, as well as pathology trainees

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1:30-5pm

The Pathogens We Share

Chair: Martha Delaney, DVM MS PhD DACVP (AP)

This session will highlight infectious agents shared between humans and animals, incorporating broad categories of pathogens and the diseases they cause including re-emerging zoonoses and viral diseases, vector-borne diseases, and prion diseases. Speakers from different facets of infectious disease research will discuss their work focused on mechanisms of virulence, pathogenesis, comparative pathology, and epidemiology using traditional and innovative methods.

Intended audience: Early-, mid-, and late-career attendees from all fields

1:30-5pm

Clinical Pathology Focused Scientific Session I

Chair: Lisa Schlein, DACVP (CP)

1:30-5pm

Industrial and Toxicologic Pathology Focused Scientific Session

Chair: Predrag Novakovic, DVM MSc PhD DABT DACVP (AP)

1:30-5pm

Natural Disease Focused Scientific Session I

Chair: Mason Jager DVM PhD DACVP (AP)

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3-3:30pm

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Coffee and tea available.

*** Exhibits close 3:30pm.*

5:30-7pm

Davis-Thompson Foundation Awards Reception

Chair: Clara Cole, DVM DACVP (AP)

Presentation of Davis-Thompson Foundation awards to veterinary pathology residents and distinguished veterinary pathologists.

Intended audience: anatomic and clinical pathologists and pathology trainees

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Infectious Disease Mystery Slide Session

Chair: Neel Aziz, DACVP (AP)

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6:30-7:30am

Morning Movement – Yoga / Meditation

Chairs: Katherine N. Gibson-Corley, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Leslie D. Wilson, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Kaori Sakamoto, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Sue E. Knoblaugh, DVM DACVP (AP)

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Intended audience: All attendees

7am-1pm

Meeting Registration open

7am-3:30pm

Speaker Ready Room open

7-8am

Sunrise Poster Viewing: Late-Breaking

Coffee and tea available.

7-8am

Program Coordinators Network Breakfast

**Invitation only*

Chair: Molly E. Church MS VMD PhD DACVP (AP)

ACVP's Pathology Training Committee (PTC) invites one anatomic pathology program coordinator and one clinical pathology program coordinator from each institution to a meeting with your peers over a light breakfast. This year's Program Coordinators Network meeting will include updates from the PTC and an opportunity to network with fellow pathology training program coordinators. Watch for an invitation to the event sent to coordinators currently listed with ACVP as the primary AP or CP contact for their program.

8am-5pm

Lactation Lounge Open

8am-5pm

Quiet Room Open

8am-12pm

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Diagnosis of Large Animal Diarrheas

Chairs: Francisco Uzal, DVM MSc PhD DACVP (AP); Javier Asin, DVM PhD DECVP

Four presentations describing the diagnostic work up for diarrheas in horses, cattle, small ruminants and pigs.

Intended audience: anatomic and clinical pathologists, trainees, veterinary students

8am-12pm

From Petri Dishes to the Sea: Mechanisms of Carcinogenesis

Chair: Sarah Corner DVM PhD DACVP (AP)

The goal of this session is to highlight researchers and pathologists studying mechanisms of carcinogenesis across taxa, including spontaneous animal models (companion animal, wildlife), and more novel methods such as 3D tissue culture.

Intended audience: pathologists in research, graduate student and resident trainees, other students interested in cancer research and the role of veterinary pathologists

8am-12pm

Veterinary Forensic Pathology: The Classics and the Quirky

Chairs: Tabitha Viner, DVM DACVP (AP) Founding Fellow-VFP: Nanny Wenzlow, DVM MRCVS PhD DACVP (AP)

This session will highlight some classic and interesting case reports in veterinary forensic pathology from ACVP diplomates with extensive experience in the field. The session will begin with an exploration of how clinical pathologists can contribute to a forensic case. Common causes of death in domestic and wild animals will be explored through the description of real cases, their examination, and conclusions. Topics will include drowning, asphyxiation, starvation, blunt force trauma, gunshot, and electrothermal injury.

Intended audience: students or boarded pathologists working in a diagnostic lab setting

8am-12pm

Clinical Pathology Focused Scientific Session II

Chair: Lisa Schlein, DACVP (CP)

9:45-10:15am

Education Break with Late-Breaking Poster Authors Present

Coffee and tea available.

9:45am-3:30pm

Late-Breaking Poster Viewing

12:15-1:15pm

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12:15-1:15pm

Choosing a Career: Perceptions and Values of Early Pathologists and Trainees

Chairs: Abigail Armwood, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Craig A. Miller, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Cynthia Lucidi, DVM MS PhD DACVP (CP)

Join the Advocacy and Policy Committee and Pathology Training Committee as they reveal results from a recent ACVP survey on pathology career pathways. This survey captured the views of veterinary pathology trainees and early career pathologists on various career sectors and the factors influencing their employment choices. Key discussion points include the impact of training on career outlooks, the prioritization of various career aspects and benefits, and how different specific sectors are perceived (academia, industry, government, diagnostics).

Intended audience: all attendees, particularly training program coordinators, early career pathologists, academicians, pathology trainees, and people in hiring roles in pathology

12:15-1:15pm

Elevating the Profession: A Dialogue with Pathology's Transformative Leaders

Chairs: L. Tiffany Lyle, DVM PhD DACVP (AP); Athema Etzioni DVM MS DACVP (CP)

This fireside chat brings together two trailblazing leaders whose careers have transformed veterinary and toxicologic pathology. Dr. Willie Reed, former Dean of the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine, held the role for 17.5 years and has served as President of both the American Association of Avian Pathologists and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. He is the first Black pathologist to serve as President of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) and the inaugural recipient of the AVMA Frederick Douglass Patterson Lifetime Achievement Award recognizing his leadership in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the veterinary profession. Dr. Darlene Dixon, an internationally respected scientist, was the first Black woman to become board certified in anatomic pathology (1987), marking a historic milestone that inspired generations of underrepresented trainees. She is also the first black woman and woman of color to serve as President of the Society of Toxicologic Pathology. She leads the Molecular Pathogenesis Group in the NIEHS National Toxicology Program Laboratory, where her work continues to advance the understanding of disease mechanisms and toxicologic risk. Through guided conversation, Drs. Reed and Dixon will discuss the defining moments of their careers, the barriers they navigated, and the lasting impact of representation and leadership in shaping the profession. Attendees will gain insight into the challenges and opportunities that accompany trailblazing roles and hear reflections on creating more equitable and inclusive pathways for future generations.

Intended audience: all attendees

1:30-3pm

Natural Disease Focused Scientific Session II

Chair: Mason Jager DVM PhD DACVP (AP)

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Highlights from *Veterinary Pathology*

Chair: Joshua Webster, DVM PhD DACVP (AP)

Veterinary Pathology is the official journal of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. This session highlights papers that were published in the journal over the last year.

Intended audience: all attendees

1:30-5pm

Integrated Clinical Pathology and Anatomic Pathology Challenges Session

Chairs: Adam Harris, DVM PhD DACVP (CP); Samantha Lee, DACVP (CP)

Resident-centric mystery slide session that will integrate CP and AP cases and have presenters from both specialties.

Intended audience: all attendees

1:30-5pm

Experimental Disease Focused Scientific Session

Chair: Jessica Fortin, DACVP (AP)

3-3:30pm

Education Break with Late-Breaking Poster Authors Present

Coffee and tea available.

3:30-4:30pm

Emerging Disease Session

New World Screwworm Re-Emergence: Pathogenesis, Surveillance, and the Risk of Re-Invasion in the US

Chair: Pompei Bolfa, DVM MSc PhD DACVP (AP)

The New World screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) was eradicated from the United States and much of Central America through the sterile insect technique, one of the most successful examples of area-wide pest control. However, recent outbreaks in Central America and Mexico highlight the continued risk of re-invasion. This presentation reviews the biology, pathogenesis, and economic impact of screwworm myiasis, along with historical eradication efforts and emerging drivers of resurgence, including climate change, increased animal movement, and gaps in surveillance. Current control strategies and preparedness efforts will be discussed, emphasizing the role of veterinarians and diagnostic laboratories in early detection and response.

Intended audience: all attendees

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5:15-6:30pm

ACVP Awards and Recognition Event

Chair: ACVP President Anne Provencher, DVM MSc DACVP (CP) DECVCP Fellow IATP

Come celebrate 2026 ACVP award winners.

Intended audience: all attendees

6:30-8pm

ACVP President's Reception

Chair: ACVP President Anne Provencher, DVM MSc DACVP (CP) DECVCP Fellow IATP

Wrap up your Annual Meeting experience networking with other attendees over a complimentary beverage of your choice and light snacks will be offered before connecting with colleagues for a final dinner (of your own planning) in Indianapolis. (Additional beverages available for purchase.)

Intended audience: all attendees and registered guests