

2025 Attendee Brochure

DECEMBER 4-6, 2025 WESTIN LONG BEACH | LONG BEACH, CA





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President's Message

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 78th Annual Meeting of the California Society of Pathologists, taking place from December 4–6 at the Westin Long Beach. We are especially excited to bring this year's meeting to Southern California — a region that blends vibrant culture, coastal charm, and a deep spirit of innovation. I'm looking forward to connecting with colleagues, learning from experts and enjoying the sights in the area. I hope you will join me!

This year's meeting will continue our tradition of excellence by bringing together leading experts and forward-thinking educators from across the field of pathology. Our comprehensive educational program offers CME credits on a broad spectrum of topics designed to meet the needs of attendees from all practice environments. In particular, we are proud to offer in-depth sessions on gynecologic pathology and gastrointestinal soft tissue tumors, alongside updates in urologic, breast, and molecular pathology.

We are also delighted to continue the plenary session. This year, Dr. Anil Parwani will speak on From Pixels to Predictions to Therapeutics: Harnessing the Power of Digital Pathology and Artificial Intelligence. For our trainees and early-career members, the poster session will once again showcase innovative research and mentorship in action.

In addition to the scientific program, we'll hear an important update from Dr. Qihui "Jim" Zhai, President-Elect of the College of American Pathologists on national issues affecting the practice of pathology. This meeting also allows us time to connect with colleagues, exchange ideas, and strengthen our professional relationships. The sense of community we cultivate at CSP gatherings is one of our greatest strengths — and it is your engaged participation that brings it to life and makes it truly meaningful.

I encourage you to take full advantage of everything the meeting — and Long Beach — has to offer. From engaging discussions and impactful lectures to our exhibit hall and networking events, this will be a dynamic and meaningful experience for all.

Thank you for your dedication to the field of pathology and for joining us in Long Beach. Let's make the 78th Annual Educational Meeting an event to remember.

Warm regards, Emily Green, MD President, California Society of Pathologists



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Learning Objectives

As a result of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Identify key histological features for the diagnosis of challenging histologic entities
- Develop an algorithmic approach to the diagnosis of these lesions based on updated classification schemata
- Apply ancillary diagnostic tools including immunohistochemistry and molecular studies in the diagnosis of the discussed entities
- Discuss the key applications of new technologies including artificial intelligence in diagnostic pathology and precision medicine

Target Audience

The content of the annual meeting has been developed to cater to the educational need of a heterogeneous group of learners comprising both trainees and practicing pathologists from different practice settings ranging from community to academic practice.

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Event Schedule

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3			
Date/Time	Event	Speaker(s)	CME
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Registration Open		

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4			
Date/Time	Event	Speaker(s)	CME
7:00am - 5:30pm	Registration Open		
7:00am – 8:30am	Continental Breakfast		
7:45am – 8:00am	Welcome	Emily Green MD Manju Aron MD	



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Date/Time	Event	Speaker(s)	CME
8:00am - 9:00am	Select Salivary Gland Conundrums 1. Utilize a standardized approach to core needle and incisional/punch biopsies of salivary gland tumors 2. Define criteria to delineate between pleomorphic adenoma, intracapsular carcinomas, and minimally invasive carcinoma types arising from pleomorphic adenoma. 3. Integrate morphologic and ancillary studies to classify high grade salivary gland carcinomas	Raja Seethala MD	1
9:00am - 10:00am	Troublesome Thyroid Lesions 1) Refine and apply criteria to distinguish between various follicular patterned lesions. 2) Understand the uses and pitfalls in immunohistochemistry in diagnosis of thyroid lesions. 3) Recognize and contrast poorly differentiated thyroid carcinoma and high grade differentiated thyroid carcinoma criteria	Raja Seethala MD	1
10:00am - 10:30am	Refreshment Break		



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10:30am - 11:30am	Vulvar squamous cell carcinoma precursors 1. Review the new WHO HPV-based paradigm for histotyping cancers/precancers 2. Review the use and interpretation of p16 and p53 staining 3. Review the new FIGO system for measuring depth of invasion and approach to dilemmas in defining early invasion and margin status	Jaclyn Watkins MD MS	1
11:30am - 12:30pm	Benign/inflammatory mimics of vulvar carcinoma and precursors 1. Review inflammatory dermatoses and benign neoplasms that may mimic vulvar cancer/precancer by the clinical impressions or histopathologic features 2. Review the diagnostic clues of the inflammatory conditions or benign neoplasms that mimic vulvar cancer/precancer 3. Understand the clinical relevance of the inflammatory/benign vulvar lesions that may affect the vulva (i.e. why being more specific than "chronic vulvitis" is meaningful to the patient.	Yuna Kang MD	1
12:30 - 2:00pm	Lunch on Own		



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Date/Time	Event	Speaker(s)	CME
1:00pm – 1:45pm	J&J sponsored symposium (Imp of CIS in bladder cancer) (Non-CME)		
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Interactive Microscopy Session Head and Neck/Endocrine	Raja Seethala MD	1
3:15pm - 3:45pm	Refreshment Break		
3:45pm - 4:45pm	Interactive Microscopy Session Dermatopathology	Rajiv Patel MD	1
4:45pm – 5:45pm	Interactive Microscopy Session (Gyn)	Jaclyn Watkins MD MS	1
5:30 - 7:15pm	Reception with Exhibitors		



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Date/Time	Event	Speaker(s)	CME
7:00am - 7:30am	Blueprint Medicines sponsored symposium (Non-CME)		
7:00am - 8:30am	Continental Breakfast		
7:00am - 5:30pm	Registration Open		
8:00am - 4:00pm	Resident Poster Abstract Displays		
8:00am - 9:00am	From Pixels to Predictions to Therapeutics: Harnessing The Power of Digital Pathology and Artificial Intelligence 1. Discuss the transformative role of digital pathology and AI in bridging diagnostic gaps and enhancing precision pathology. 2. Identify and discuss the clinical applications of digital pathology and AI-based workflows that foster enhanced diagnostics. 3. Discuss the key applications of AI in diagnostic pathology and provide the future trajectory of precision medicine, particularly in pathology.	Anil Parwani MD	1



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9:00am - 10:00am	Mesenchymal tumors of the GI tract and liver: updates from the 2025 WHO classification - Part 1 1. To learn about the most common mesenchymal tumor types of the luminal GI tract. 2. To learn a general approach to mesenchymal neoplasms of the liver. 3. To learn uses of immunohistochemistry in gastrointestinal and hepatic mesenchymal neoplasms, including potential diagnostic pitfalls.	Jason L. Hornick MD PhD	1
10:00am - 10:30am	Refreshment Break Poster Viewing		
10:30am - 11:30am	Mesenchymal tumors of the GI tract and liver: updates from the 2025 WHO classification - Part 2	David J. Papke, Jr. MD PhD	1
11:30am - 1:30pm	Lunch on Own		



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12:00pm - 1:00pm	AstraZeneca sponsored symposium - Molecular Biomarker Testing in Advanced Breast Cancer: Current Landscape and Future Directions (Non-CME) Boxed lunches will be provided and sponsored by AstraZeneca		
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Breast Pathology for 2026: WHO 6th edition and CAP updates 1. Learn about the expected updates from the WHO Classification of Breast Tumours, 6th Edition, so you can incorporate them into diagnostic practice. 2. Ensure you are aware of the latest CAP breast cancer reporting changes. 3. Practice applying these updates to your breast pathology diagnostic work.	Kimberly H. Allison MD	1
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Expecting the unexpected: Adenomyoepithelial entities 1. Identify key histologic clues in breast lesions that should raise consideration for an epithelial – myoepithelial proliferation or neoplasm. 2. Review the adeno-myoepithelial entities of the breast and their key histologic and immunohistochemical features. 3. Understand current and evolving classification schemes for adenomyoepitheliomas and carcinomas with dual epithelial – myoepithelial populations	Cansu Karakas MD	1



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3:30pm - 4:00pm	Refreshment Break Poster Viewing		
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Interactive Microscopy Session Soft tissue tumor pathology: what's new?	Jason L. Hornick MD PhD	1
5:00 pm - 6:00pm	Interactive Microscopy Session Breast	Kimberly H. Allison MD	1
6:15pm - 7:15pm	Faculty & Resident Reception (invitation only)		
7:30pm - 10:00pm	Awards & Recognition Dinner		

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Date/Time	Event	Speaker(s)	CME
7:00am - 7:30am	Recordati Rare Disease sponsored symposium (Non-CME)		
7:00am - 8:30am	Continental Breakfast		
7:00am - 3:30pm	Registration Open		



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Date/Time	Event	Speaker(s)	CME
8:00am - 9:00am	Changing Paradigms in Cervical Cancer Prevention: Primary HPV Screening, Enduring Guidelines and More! 1. Develop a shared understanding of the scientific basis behind recent screening and management guideline recommendations around primary HPV screening in the USA. 2. Raise awareness of the resources developed by the American Cancer Society's National Roundtable on Cervical Cancer to support successful implementation of primary HPV screening. 3. Discuss the 2019 ASCCP risk Based Consensus Management Guidelines and the Enduring Consensus Cervical Cancer Screening and Management Guidelines.	Ritu Nayar MD	1
9:00am - 10:00am	Another Look at Thyroid Cytopathology 1.Use a case-based approach to highlight differential diagnosis, clues and pitfalls in various Thyroid Bethesda FNA Reporting categories. 2. Emphasize the importance of integrating morphologic, clinical, and radiologic findings along with ancillary studies in formulating clinically relevant, and precise diagnostic reports.	Ritu Nayar MD	1
10:00am - 10:30am	Refreshment Break		
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10:30am - 11:30am	Interactive Microscopy Session A potpourri of interesting cytopathology cases: A variety of interesting cases – cervical, nongynecological, and FNA cases will be shown along with history/clinical/radiologic clues and post diagnosis management discussed 1. Get exposure to interesting, rare cytopathology cases and lessons learned	Ritu Nayar MD	1
11:30am - 1:00pm	Lunch on Own		
1:00pm - 2:00pm	CAP Presentation	Qihui Jim Zhai MD FCAP President, College of American Pathologists	
2:00 -3:30pm	Diagnostic Problems in Surgical Pathology 30-minute interesting cases	Shefali Chopra MD Dipti Sajed MD Ankur Sangoi MD Moderator: Oluwole Fadare MD	1.5
3:30 - 3:45pm	Refreshment Break		
3:45 – 5:15pm	Diagnostic Problems in Surgical Pathology 30-minute interesting cases	David J. Papke, Jr. MD PhD Vishal Chandan MD Vanessa Goodwill MD Moderator: Oluwole Fadare MD	1.5

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