

Private Practice Committee

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Aims: To continue the traditions of building a strong community network and the stellar work done by the previous private practice committee we would like to continue to serve all private practice Chinese American pathologists including CAPA member and future CAPA members. During this year, our objectives include:

- 1, Guide new or future private practice pathologists to gain the tools and resources in their beginning career;
- 2, To collaborate with experienced private pathologists update their diagnostic criteria;
- 3, To promote wellness and cultivate long-term friendship through personal interaction and support each other;
- 4, To encourage more PP pathologists to join CAPA and help each other.

Background:

There are so far about 1200-2000 Chinese American pathologists, and we account for about 5-10% of all USA pathologists. The majority of Chinese American Pathologists work in community hospitals or medical groups as private practice settings. Most recent graduates/early career pathologists are more familiar in an Academic setting since residency and fellowship training are generally in the academic programs. They may have a strong desire to get to know how to build a solid foundation for their new challenges in private practice or maybe other entrepreneurial activities down the line. For the experienced Pathologists, keeping updated on the newest diagnostic criteria will help foster a good relationship with their own clinicians as both pathology and clinical guidelines are constantly being updated. In addition, there are many mid-career academic pathologists that may also explore private practice. These pathologists may also seek help as the work forces and subspecialty coverage may be changed after switching to PP setting. In addition, many CAPA PP pathologists still have interests in clinical research and wish to have chances to publish.

Proposing activities:

1, Committee meeting every 3 months to discuss how to serve CAPA PP pathologists better;

2, Each member is the local leader to develop many local small groups through enjoying Chinese food, fostering friendship, learning updating pathology diagnostic criteria and sharing interesting cases together;

3, Other social events such as trip near by or national meetups;

4, Collaborate in clinical research through case studies or case reports.