

**74th Annual
Scientific Meeting**
American Society of Cytopathology

Frequently Asked Questions – FAQ's

PROGRAM QUESTIONS

What does my Basic Registration include?

Your Basic Registration fee entitles you to participate in:

- State of the Society Address
- Leopold Koss Lectureship
- JASC Hot Topics
- New Frontiers Lectureship
- State of the Art Symposium
- Papanicolaou Address
- Diagnostic Slide Seminar
- Digital Slide Workshops
- Short Courses
- Companion Sessions
- Strategies in Cytology Education
- Strategies in Cytopathology Education
- Platform Presentations
- Poster Presentations
- Committee Presentations
- Welcome Reception
- Exhibit Hall
- Continental Breakfasts
- Refreshment Breaks

Which sessions should I attend?

The Meeting is designed to provide a variety of sessions to suit the diverse interests of cytopathologists and cytologists (cytotechnologists) at every career level. To help you plan your Annual Scientific Meeting activities, descriptions of the [types of sessions](#) offered, as well as specific information about this year's program, are provided online.

Where can I find the locations of the session rooms?

Upon check-in at the Registration Desk, you will receive a program guide that lists all the session locations. Session locations are also listed in the app.

Where can I find the abstracts?

An Abstract Book will be available at the Registration Desk.

I am giving a Platform Presentation; where do I turn in my presentation slides?

All speakers are required to submit their PowerPoint presentations to the Registration Personnel using a USB flash drive (memory stick). Please ensure that your submission includes your platform number, last name, and the date and time of your presentation. Presentations must be turned in 24 hours before your scheduled presentation. For more information, please refer to the Platform Guidelines.

I am presenting a poster.

This year, the ASC has partnered with KiKo to offer you an enhanced experience. Not only will your poster be featured in the ASC digital poster room in the KiKo Connect app, but you also have the option to have KiKo professionally print your poster and deliver it directly to the conference.

By choosing KiKo for your poster printing, your poster will include your KiKo QR code and will be sent directly to Hyatt Regency in Seattle. Your QR code will track live updates on who has saved your poster and how many views it has received. You'll also have the opportunity to connect directly with those who have shown interest in your work through the KiKo Connect app. Even if you decide to print your poster elsewhere, you will still need to upload your poster pdf so it is available in the poster app.

How do I collect my CME/CMLE credits?

All Credits are claimed through the link on the [Meeting Website](#) or the Meeting App. The process for claiming credits and printing a certificate must be completed within 90 days of the Meeting.

Can I get copies of the slide presentations?

Handouts will be available on the Meeting App. The handouts will remain available for a period of time after the Meeting concludes. Please note: The ASC can only provide those handouts that are submitted by speakers. Not all speakers choose to submit handouts.

How can I participate in the Diagnostic Slide Seminar?

[Visit the Website](#) to make your diagnoses on the eight cases being presented at the Meeting. The Moderator will view your online diagnoses and use the results in the presentation.

GENERAL QUESTIONS**Where do I pick up my Meeting badge?**

Meeting badges and session tickets will be available upon check-in at the Registration Desk.

When should I plan to arrive?

The Scientific Sessions begin officially on Thursday. We suggest arriving early Wednesday to orient yourself with the Hotel and pick up Meeting materials at the Registration Desk. However, those who plan to attend Wednesday's Pre-Meeting course may choose to arrive on Tuesday.

How long should I stay?

Sessions take place throughout the Program, from Wednesday through Sunday. The full Meeting schedule and session descriptions can be found on the [Website](#).

Where should I stay?

A room block has been reserved at the **Hyatt Regency Seattle**. The ASC encourages you to [book your overnight accommodations](#) at this hotel. If the contracted room block is not met, the ASC could be penalized with attrition, which would result in increased fees.

What's appropriate attire for the Meeting?

Attire for the Meeting is business casual. It is suggested you have a sweater or jacket with you since meeting rooms may be chilly.

Are food and refreshments provided during the Meeting?

One or more coffee breaks are typically provided each day of the Meeting. In the evening, the Welcome Reception offers refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Check the [Schedule at a Glance](#) for the dates and times of refreshment breaks.

When are the Exhibit Hall hours?

Thursday, November 5, 2026	
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception
Friday, November 6, 2026	
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
Saturday, November 7, 2026	
7:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Exhibit Hall Open
10:30 AM	Exhibits Close

My family will be attending the Meeting with me; can they come to the sessions?

Spouses and guests are welcome to register for the Meeting and will receive a badge allowing them access to the Exhibit Hall and all ASC-sponsored social events. However, this registration rate does not allow entrance into any of the sessions. Children under the age of 16 are not permitted in the Exhibit or Poster Halls, as well as the session rooms.

TYPES OF ANNUAL MEETING SESSIONS OFFERED**Scientific Sessions**

The ASC Annual Scientific Meeting provides a high-quality forum for the continuing education of the professional cytopathology community. Scientific Sessions encompass three days of panel discussions, invited lecturers, and platform presentations. The presentations represent all aspects of cytopathology. The Scientific Sessions feature many different components. Additional sessions include:

NO TICKET/NO FEE

Attendees do not have to pre-register for entrance into the following courses. Attendance will be first come; first served.

- **Strategies in Cytopathology Education (CME/CMLE)**
If you are a director of a residency or fellowship program, please join us for this discussion.
- **Strategies in Cytology Education (CME/CMLE)**
This session will focus on Cytology education in both the United States and Europe. A panel will address current issues in cytology education and standardizations of education and licensure.
- **Cytology Short Courses (CME/CMLE)**
Short Courses are non-microscopic sessions that prompt interaction and the exchange of information regarding specific significant topics.
- **Digital Slide Workshop**
Digital Slide Workshop are 90-minutes in duration and provide participants an opportunity to review a designated topic with experts using digital slides. The room is set theater style or classroom, and typically starts with a lecture on the topic, followed by questions and answers. A maximum of three presenters is suggested.
- **Companion Sessions (CME/CMLE)**
Companion Societies are national and international cytopathology and pathology organizations that are qualified to hold scientific educational sessions and elective business meetings. An opportunity for questions and answers is offered at the end of each seminar.

TICKETED WITH FEE

Attendees must pre-register in advance and pay a fee to receive a ticket to obtain entrance to these additional courses.

- **Cytopathology Master Class (CME/CMLE)**
This one-day “Cytomorphology Tutorial” reviews major areas of clinical cytopathology, emphasizing core cytomorphology concepts, histopathologic correlation, updated reporting systems, and ancillary/molecular testing. Designed for practicing cytopathologists, trainees, cytologists, and other professionals, the course features highly illustrated lectures by leading experts, with time for Q&A and audience interaction.
- **Sign-out with the Professor (CME/CMLE)**
These 1-hour sessions provide close contact with an expert in the field doing what we all love, cytomorphology. Each session will focus on one area and the cases will be presented in a sign-out style at a 10-headed or 8-headed microscope. Participants are encouraged to join in the discussion.

- AI Assisted Pap Tests: An Interactive Presentation (CME/CMLE)**
 AI has made significant advancements in interpreting complex anatomical images, thanks to developments in deep learning and increased computational power. This course offers an interactive, hands-on experience where participants will work in small groups to review cytology cases digitally and formulate a diagnosis for each case. We will discuss the diagnoses with a focus on morphology, our approach to each case, and compare our findings with the original Pap diagnosis and follow-up biopsy results. This course is limited to 20 attendees.
- UpSkilling Clinic for Cytologists (CME/CMLE)**
 In this interactive workshop, participants will work with faculty in small groups to improve FNA biopsy technique and learn ultrasound guidance. A short lecture on FNA techniques and guidance will be followed by practice sessions with the participants divided into small groups of 4-5. With supervision, each participant will practice FNA biopsy and smearing as well as using US guidance.
- Ultrasound FNA Workshop (CME/CMLE)**
 In this interactive workshop, participants will work with faculty in small groups to improve FNA biopsy technique and learn ultrasound guidance. A short lecture on FNA techniques and guidance will be followed by practice sessions with the participants divided into small groups of 4–5. With supervision, each participant will practice FNA biopsy and smearing as well as using US guidance.
- ASC Foundation Singing in the Rain Reception**
 Join us for an unforgettable evening, Saturday, November 7, 7:00 pm– 10:00 pm at the Singing in the Rain Reception! This lively celebration will feature delectable hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dancing, and karaoke, as guests come together to support the Foundation's mission