

2026 PAPANICOLAOU AWARD

The Papanicolaou Award, established in 1958, is the highest award given by the Society and is presented annually to a physician or PhD member. Recipients are in recognition of meritorious contributions in the field of Cytopathology.

Liron Pantanowitz, MD, PhD



Liron Pantanowitz, MD, PhD, is Chair and Professor of Pathology at the University of Pittsburgh and an internationally recognized leader in cytopathology, digital pathology, and artificial intelligence. He earned his medical degree and PhD from the University of Witwatersrand, completed pathology residency training at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, affiliated with Harvard Medical School, and pursued fellowships in hematopathology and cytopathology at Harvard and Tufts. He is board-certified in clinical informatics and

also holds a Master of Healthcare Administration degree from Ohio University.

A prolific scholar and educator, Dr. Pantanowitz has authored nearly 600 peer-reviewed publications, delivered approximately 400 national and international lectures and workshops, and contributed more than 500 abstract presentations. His work has advanced the fields of cytopathology, pathology informatics, and digital diagnostics worldwide. He previously served as Director and Vice Chair of Anatomic Pathology at the University of Michigan, overseeing a large and diverse pathology practice. Dr. Pantanowitz is a past president of both the American Society of Cytopathology and the Digital Pathology Association, and currently serves as Editor of the *Journal of Pathology Informatics*. Widely respected as a diagnostician, educator, researcher, and leader, he continues to shape the future of pathology through innovation, mentorship, and service.

Prior recipients of the Papanicolaou Award

2025	Daniel F.I. Kurtycz, MD	1989	Eileen B. King, MD
2024	Barbara Crothers, DO	1988	W. Budd Wentz, MD
2023	Syed Z. Ali, MD, FRCPath, FIAC	1987	William H. Kern, MD
2022	Michael R. Henry, MD	1986	William W. Johnston, MD
2021	Eva M. Wojcik, MD	1985	Irena Koprowska, MD
2020	Edmund S. Cibas, MD	1984	Warren R. Lang, MD
2019	Mary R. Schwartz, MD	1983	William J. Frible, MD
2018	Ritu Nayar, MD, MIAC	1982	Alexander Meisels, MD
2017	Lydia P. Howell, MD	1981	Stanley L. Inhorn, MD
2016	Ann T. Moriarty, MD	1980	Alan B.P. Ng., MD
2015	Britt-Marie E. Ljung, MD	1979	Torbjorn Caspersson, MD
2014	R. Marshall Austin, MD, PhD	1978	Emerson Day, MD
2013	George G. Birdsong, MD	1977	Charles P. Schwinn, MD
2012	Dina R. Mody, MD	1976	Geno Saccomanno, PhD, MD
2011	Mary K. Sidawy, MD	1975	Myron R. Melamed, MD
2010	David C. Wilbur, MD	1974	Lewis B. Woolner, MD
2009	Theodore R. Miller, MD	1973	Stanley F. Patten, Jr., MD, PhD
2008	Celeste N. Powers, MD, PhD	1972	John K. Frost, MD
2007	Diane Davis Davey, MD	1971	William M. Christopherson, MD
2006	Ronald D. Luff, MD, MPH	1970	George L. Wied, MD
2005	Dorothy L. Rosenthal, MD	1969	James W. Reagan, MD
2004	Patricia Saigo, MD	1968	John R. McDonald, MD
2003	Diane Solomon, MD	1967	Emmerich von Haam, MD
2002	David B. Kaminsky, MD, FIAC	1966	Leopold G. Koss, MD
2001	Prabodh Gupta, MD	1965	Cyrus C. Erickson, MD
2000	G. Peter Vooijs, MD	1964	Murray L. Barr, MD
1999	Ibrahim Ramzy, MD	1963	Ruth M. Graham, ScD
1998	William M. Murphy, MD		Joe V. Meigs, MD (posthumous)
1997	Yener S. Erozan, MD	1962	George N. Papanicolaou, MD (posthumous)
1996	Gunter F. Bahr, MD	1958	Elizabeth A. McGrew, MD and Colleagues:
1995	Torsten Löwhagen, MDhc, FIAC		Warren H. Cole, MD
1994	Zuher M. Naib, MD		Stuart S. Roberts, MD
1993	Steven I. Hajdu, MD		Alvin L. Watne, MD
1992	Marluce Bibbo, MD		Mrs. Ruth McGrath, BS
1991	Thomas A. Bonfiglio, MD		Miss Stella Nanos, CT(ASCP)
1990	Bernard Naylor, MD		