ABOUT THE ASC FOUNDATION

Cytopathology professionals are the long-standing leaders in minimally invasive methods of cancer screening. Cytopathology is inextricably linked to the success of the “Pap test”, the first and most successful method of cancer screening in history. Cytopathology professionals have played key roles in the development of Pap test improvements, such as liquid based Pap tests and computer-assisted screening technologies.

Cytopathology has evolved to occupy a front-line role in cancer detection. The field has embraced different types of minimally invasive sampling methods, including fine needle aspiration (FNA) which has revolutionized patient care by providing cost-effective, accurate diagnoses previously possible only through surgery. Today, cytopathology is at the forefront of “personalized medicine”, a movement to individualize therapy based on abnormalities discovered in genetic mutations of tumors.

Cytopathology has been a leader in ensuring patient safety, error prevention and reduction. The discipline has worked collaboratively with government agencies on the federal and state level to ensure patient safety. The Cytopathology laboratory professional has emerged as a critical member of the health care team and a positive contributor to accurate, effective and economical outcomes of care in many ways.

The evidence is clear. Early Detection Saves Lives. The American Society of Cytopathology Foundation promotes and supports the ASC’s leading role in education, innovation and advocacy in cytopathology to increase early detection of cancer and its precursors.

Since the inception of the Foundation, the ASC has received over $2 million in contributions and given over $1 million in grants and scholarships. Over 51% of the contributions are received from ASC Members. Over 1,200 physician members and over 1,000 cytotechnologist members have contributed, with an average contribution of $465. Our Corporate Supporters have been invaluable to the Foundation since the beginning with gifts totaling over $1.1 million. Your contributions help us to stay relevant, navigate the future, and touch lives through innovative lifesaving research, patient advocacy initiatives and educational programs.

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