

2025 EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

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Paul VanderLaan is the Director of Surgical Pathology, Cytopathology, and Thoracic Pathology at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and is an Associate Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School. He is the current Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American Society of Cytopathology, the co-editor of the 3rd edition of the Bethesda System for Reporting Thyroid Cytopathology, and the associate editor of the new 6th edition of Cibas and Ducatman's popular Cytology textbook. He has published nearly 200 original research papers, reviewed articles, editorials, and book chapters, and was the 2024 recipient of the ASC President's award.



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