

THE FSP CONNECTION

Fall 2026 | Florida Society of Pathologists

Welcome to the Fall 2026 edition of *The FSP Connection*! It's been an active few months for FSP, with plenty happening since we last checked in. In this edition, we will take you inside some of that work and introduce you to a few of the people who make FSP such a special organization. We hope you'll spend a few minutes catching up, clicking around and seeing what we've been up to.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This summer, the Florida Society of Pathologists found plenty of ways to keep us on our toes.

For our Board, I mean that quite literally.

During our Summer Pathology Conference in Palm Beach, the FSP Board stepped away from our usual work for a dance class and a little team building. It was a fun change of pace and also exemplified something I value about FSP: We are willing to try something different, bring people together in new ways and never take ourselves too seriously even while **we work to move our profession forward in support of our patients.**

That same spirit carries into the work we do throughout the year. Nowhere is that more evident than in education.

Our **Summer Pathology Conference** brought pathologists together for two days of focused learning and discussion. Just weeks later, we gathered at Moffitt Cancer Center for the **5th Multidisciplinary Interactive Precision Medicine Symposium**, bringing pathology into conversation with other disciplines while exploring the rapidly evolving role of precision medicine in cancer care.

And we haven't stopped there. We continue to add new webinars to the **FSP Learning Center**, with recent programs addressing **PTEN in metastatic prostate cancer** and **HER2 testing across solid tumors**. In August, we launched Phase II of the Precision Medicine Academy with our inaugural **Virtual Tumor Board**. The series began with four challenging cases from Moffitt and will bring additional institutions into the conversation in future programs.

We want high-quality education to be available throughout the year and in formats that reflect how pathologists learn and practice today. I am incredibly proud of what we are building, but education is only part of the work underway at FSP.

Our Academic Programs Workgroup continues to examine how we can strengthen the pathology pipeline and increase medical student engagement. We are also exploring a closer relationship with the **Academy of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine of Puerto Rico**, with the goal of creating new opportunities for residents and practicing pathologists to participate in FSP.

Advocacy remains another important part of our work. Earlier this year, I was proud to join eight other FSP pathologists in Washington, D.C., for the **CAP Leadership Summit and Hill Day**. Through our Advocacy Stipend Program, FSP helped support their participation and ensure Florida pathology had a strong voice on Capitol Hill.

There is a tremendous amount happening across FSP, and it is possible because so many people are willing to contribute their time and expertise. Thank you to everyone helping us move FSP and our profession forward. We have accomplished a great deal this year, and there is much more to come.

Carmen Gomez-Fernandez, MD
President
Florida Society of Pathologists

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ADVOCACY UPDATE

Looking Ahead to the General Election

The Nov. 3 General Election is just over a month away, and FSP has been working throughout the year to make sure pathology has a voice in the conversations shaping Florida’s future.

With the 2027 Legislative Session on the horizon, our advocacy team continues to travel the state, meet with candidates and educate policymakers about issues important to pathology. We are also working to build relationships with new candidates while supporting lawmakers who have been helpful to the profession and are seeking reelection.

The work will move quickly after Election Day. Florida’s Organization Session is Nov. 17, followed by committee weeks throughout the winter. The 2027 Regular Session convenes March 2.

FSP will remain engaged every step of the way to ensure pathology is represented as lawmakers begin setting their priorities for 2027.

[Florida Election Information](#)

FSP-PATHOLOGY PAC

Supporting Pathology Through the FSP Pathology PAC

The FSP Pathology PAC helps ensure that pathologists have a voice in the political process by supporting candidates for public office who understand and value the needs of Florida’s physicians and patients. That work extends beyond individual elections. Through the PAC, FSP works alongside other medical specialty organizations and the Florida Medical Association PAC to build relationships with policymakers and strengthen the voice of medicine in Tallahassee.

None of that work is possible without the support of FSP members and partners who contribute to the PAC. We would like to thank the following 2026 FSP Pathology PAC donors for their support:

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Member participation is an important part of strengthening FSP’s advocacy efforts. Whether through a contribution to the FSP Pathology PAC or engagement with candidates and elected officials, pathologists can help ensure the profession is

represented in the decisions that affect physicians and their patients.

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MEMBERSHIP

Mayo Clinic Jacksonville Joins FSP as Group Member

We are proud to welcome **Mayo Clinic Jacksonville** as our newest group member. Mayo Clinic pathologists have long been active participants within the FSP community, and the new group membership creates an opportunity to strengthen that relationship and expand collaboration among pathologists across Florida.

Through group membership, Mayo Clinic Jacksonville pathologists will have greater opportunities to participate in our educational programs, engage in advocacy and legislative efforts affecting the practice of pathology and connect with colleagues.

The addition of Mayo Clinic Jacksonville comes as we continue to experience strong membership growth. FSP now represents more than 500 members, with longstanding institutional and group members playing an important role in the Society's growth and year-round engagement. FSP is grateful for their continued support and participation.

Welcome, Mayo Clinic Jacksonville! And thank you to each of our institutional and group members.

Amazing Members and Terrific Stories

FSP is proud to support pathologists at every stage of their careers, including more than 130 residents and fellows, and to create opportunities to connect beyond the day-to-day work of pathology.

Our FSP Member Spotlights have also given us the chance to discover some pretty remarkable stories. We've recently met Dr. Md Shahrier Amin, whose curious trip to a cattle auction sparked a lifelong passion for farming; Dr. Richard Dookie, who turned to art after a serious accident left him needing to relearn how to hold a pencil; and Dr. Marci Crowley, whose adventures have taken her from a solo hike through the Grand Canyon to kiteboarding in Mexico.

Click their photos below to get to know them.

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Member spotlights: [Dr. Md Shahrier Amin](#) | [Dr. Richard Dookie](#) | [Dr. Marci Crowley](#)

RESIDENT COMMITTEE

Creating New Opportunities

FSP's Resident & Fellow Committee is focused on creating more opportunities for trainees across Florida to connect and learn from one another. Throughout the year, the group has worked to strengthen interaction between residency programs and find ways to increase trainee participation at FSP meetings.

The committee is also exploring new ideas to make education more interactive, including sessions tailored to different training levels, enhancements to Resident Jeopardy and the development of a shared question bank that could benefit programs across the state.

These efforts are designed to bring Florida's pathology trainees closer together while creating useful resources they can take back to their individual programs.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay Connected With FSP

Did you know that FSP has a new Instagram? Launched this summer, [@flpathologists](#) already has more than 500 followers! We're sharing member stories, educational content, photos from FSP events and more as we find new ways to showcase Florida pathology.

Instagram is just one way to stay connected with FSP. You can also find us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [X](#), where we share the latest from across the Society and amplify the work of Florida pathologists.

If you aren't following [@flpathologists](#) on Instagram already, give us a follow and be sure to connect with FSP on your favorite social platforms, too.

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FSP 53rd Annual Pathology Conference

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