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Shaping Our Careers

- As a rising resident and current fellow, how has being a member of the DPA helped my career?

- In what ways have I been able to contribute to the DPA?

- How does the DPA’s goals align with my profession and practice?
Opportunity
Collaboration
Networking
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I believe in the right treatment for the right patient at the right time.
Increase network of brainpower, share knowledge

Optimize Market Access Efficient, efficiency & implement effectively

High Quality Medical Device products to market
Analog to Digital Pathology

Analog System

1. Sample delivery
2. To Lab for slide preparation
3. HE sections
4. Manually distribution
5. Diagnostics/conclusion/consultation/archive
6. Archiving
7. Consultation
8. Result

Digital System

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Physical logistics: solid line
Digital transmission: dashed line
How do IVDs reach the patients?
EXHIBIT 1: Comparison between Manual Approach and Digitalization followed in Pathology

**Traditional Pathology Workflow**
- Tissue preparation
- Courier the glass slides
- Slide analyzed in lab
- Patient diagnosis

**Digital Pathology Workflow**
- Tissue preparation
- Creation of digital slides
- Computerized analysis of digital slides
- Automated patient diagnosis

*Source: Pathkids.com*
Innovation through the lens of the patient

Translating research into clinical applications, generating strong clinical evidence, improving market access and defining strategies for patients and providers to have timely access to innovative devices, emerging products and effective treatments using science, such as regulatory and clinical science.
Mission: facilitate awareness, education and adoption of digital pathology and AI applications in healthcare and life sciences.

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JOIN OUR COMMUNITY & CONNECT WITH 2,600+ DIGITAL PATHOLOGY PROFESSIONALS!
R&S Taskforce

• R&S Taskforce focuses mainly on
  • Developing **general principles** for regulatory clearance
  • Create **clarity around regulations** for digital pathology devices
  • **Aligning around standards** such as DICOM, color, to facilitate regulatory pathways for medical devices
  • Area is in the competitive phase

Aim to move digital pathology forward and ultimately improve patient care and are complementary to each other

[https://www.thebuxtonpartnership.co.uk/blog/stay-up-to-date-on-changing-compliance-regulations/](https://www.thebuxtonpartnership.co.uk/blog/stay-up-to-date-on-changing-compliance-regulations/)
CPT codes per January 2022:
- Accepted addition of add-on codes X018T X030T to report additional clinical staff work and service requirements associated with digitizing glass microscope slides for primary diagnosis; and addition of a new heading in the Category III section and guidelines to define digital pathology digitization procedures.

What do we do with this?
- Allow labs to record activity and begin tracking the value of DP.
- Categorization, crosswalk, PC and/or TC.
- Work with organizations like the AMA and CAP to determine the best approach to value DP solutions (including AI) and more.
- DPA-F is seeking funding to focus on outcome studies.
Allied Societies

“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.”

—Vincent Van Gogh

• Bring Precision Medicine to Patients
• Proofpoints
• Increase awareness

“ If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

—African Proverb
Key Takeaways and Considerations

- Patient
- Allied Societies
- Keep it simple
- Proofpoints to support Market Access

AND…
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