

Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology (ADASP)
Activities in brief, 2005.

ADASP has been busy on multiple fronts throughout 2005. The annual meeting of the membership in San Antonio concern quality assurance in error reduction in surgical pathology. The proceedings of this successful meeting are to be published in the Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

The ASCP residency in-service examination (RISE) has been revised under the direction of Paul Swanson M.D. (ADASP Council member) with new examination questions for anatomic pathology provided by members of ADASP.

The practice guidelines and checklists for reporting tumors of major organ systems continue to be updated. The updates include neoplasms of the prostate, neoplasms of the colon and rectum, and mesothelioma.

In addition to practice guidelines and checklists, ADASP has constructed position papers and guidelines on critical values in anatomic pathology, quality assurance and improvement in surgical and autopsy pathology, and the scope of pathology assistants activities and responsibilities in anatomic pathology.

ADASP continues to support a 36 months anatomic pathology residency training curriculum which has been published (and available on the ADASP web site www.ADASP.org).

As the major society representing anatomic pathology, ADASP continues to extend its representation to the College of American Pathologists, Association of Pathology Chairs, American Board of Pathology, and the Intersociety Pathology Council.