



**Canadian Association of Pathologists  
Association canadienne des pathologistes**

**2013 Annual Progress Report to Intersociety Pathology Council  
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Founded in 1949, the Canadian Association of Pathologists – Association canadienne des pathologistes (CAP-ACP) is the voice of pathology and laboratory medicine in Canada, advancing the interests of laboratory physicians across the country.

In 2013 our four major areas of focus were continuing education programs; national guideline development; collaboration and partnership; and advocacy on behalf of Canadian pathologists.

**Education**

- Our 2013 Annual Meeting in Quebec City, June 8-11 was a success with over 400 attendees. In addition to scientific symposia and meetings of special interest groups, we had 12 specialty workshops, 12 platform presentations, and 175 posters
- The CAP-ACP has a small selection of online CPD courses.

**Guideline Development**

- Interim Guidelines for the Investigation of Alleged Irregularities in Surgical Pathology Practice
- Telepathology Guidelines
- Guidelines for the Review of Pathology in a Research Context
- Pan-Canadian Cervical Screening Initiative: Reporting on Histopathology Specimens from the Cervix and Vagina – Consensus Statements
- Guidelines for the Preparation, Release, and Storage of Unstained Archived Diagnostic Tissue Sections for Immunohistochemistry (in press)
- Class II Immunohistochemistry Checklist for Mismatch Repair IHC (in press)

**Collaboration and Partnership**

- **Canadian Medical Association:** CAP-ACP is participating in the Choosing Wisely Canada campaign.
- **CAP/ASCP/USCAP:** Participated in the Pathology Intersociety Workforce Summit, December 2013
- **Canadian Partnership Against Cancer:** Collaboration on two national initiatives (1) Electronic Synoptic Pathology Reporting Initiative (ESPRI) and (2) Quality Initiative in Interpretative Pathology (QIIP) - development of guidelines for interpretative pathology and second opinion.
- **International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR):** CAP-ACP is a founding member of this collaboration along with RCPA, RCPATH, CAP, and ESP.

**Advocacy/Public Relations**

- **Public relations campaign:** MyPathologist.ca. We are working with a public relations firm on a campaign designed to **increase public understanding** of the valuable role pathologists play on the health care team; **deepen our relationship with media** so we become trusted experts and first point of contact for commentary, perspective, or clarification on pathology-related issues in the public eye; and **increase our profile** with our key stakeholders (clinical colleagues, health administrators, etc.). Expected launch July 2014.
- **Social Media:** CAP-ACP now has active engagement on the social media platforms [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)

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