



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

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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 2014 our four major areas of focus were again continuing education programs; national guideline development; collaboration and partnership; and advocacy on behalf of Canadian pathologists and the profession.

Education

- Our 2014 [Annual Meeting](#) in Toronto, July 12-15 was a great success with over 517 registrants. In addition to scientific symposia and meetings of special interest groups, we had specialty workshops, platform presentations, and a large poster session. Corporate support was very generous for this meeting, and we had a net surplus of \$73,000
- The CAP-ACP has a small selection of online CPD courses and in partnership with the College of American Pathologists and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, provides access to over 60 self-assessment modules.
- Our 2014 [Resident Review Course](#) was held at the University of Toronto, January 17-19. This course provides a comprehensive review of material in preparation for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada fellowship examinations in Anatomic Pathology and General Pathology.
- The [Canadian Journal of Pathology](#) appointed a new Editor-in-Chief, Dr. George Yousef, of Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto.
- In collaboration with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer and Cancer Care Ontario, the CAP-ACP presents a series of cancer checklist education sessions by webinar.

Guideline Development

- The [Guidelines](#) page on the new website has been restructured and guidelines can also be found on the [Patient Safety and Quality Assurance](#) and on the [Cytopathology](#) section pages.
- The 2014 Version of the [Workload Measurement Guidelines](#) was published in November 2014.

Collaboration and Partnership

- **Choosing Wisely Canada:** The CAP-ACP was one of twelve specialty societies participating in the Wave 2 release of [Choosing Wisely Canada](#) recommendations on October 29, 2014. After careful consideration of the latest evidence, expert opinions and research, our list of recommendations was developed in conjunction with the Canadian Leadership Council on Laboratory Medicine Laboratory (CLCLM) Utilization Subcommittee, under the joint leadership of the President of the CAP-ACP and the President of the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists (CSCC). The joint committee solicited review and input on these recommendations from the various subspecialty groups in laboratory medicine. The CAP-ACP recommendations can be found on the [CWC website](#).

- **Canadian Partnership Against Cancer:** Collaboration continues 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. ICCR was legally incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in September 2014.
- **International Liaison of Pathology Presidents.** The International Liaison of Pathology Presidents (ILPP) brings together Presidents, Presidents-Elect and Chief Executive Officers (or their representative) of Pathology Colleges or Associations worldwide to meet face to face annually to exchange information and discuss common issues related to pathology. Dr. Victor Tron (CAP-ACP Vice-President) and Dr. Martin Trotter (CAP-ACP President) attended the 2014 ILPP held in Chicago, September 11-12.

Advocacy/Public Relations

- **MyPathologist.ca.** MyPathologist.ca, our public relations website, launched on August 12, 2014. The goal of MyPathologist.ca is to identify and personalize pathologists and to elevate our role as an important member of a patient's health care team. CAP-ACP has committed \$75,000 to MyPathologist.ca over three years, but we continue to pursue support from corporate partners so that we can take this initiative to the next level.
- **Website.** Our new website at <http://cap-acp.org> launched on November 13, 2014. The new site is much easier to navigate and we updated information and links on almost all website pages. The Members Only section of the site, containing archival material, CPD modules, and discussion boards, is still under construction.
- **Social Media.** CAP-ACP has active engagement on the social media platforms [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)
- **International Pathology Day.** The CAP-ACP participated, primarily through social media channels, in International Pathology Day on November 5, 2014.
- **Media.** CAP-ACP President's comments related to recent HER2 testing discrepancies in Newfoundland were included in an article "*Eastern Canada's Latest Lab Errors Get Attention*". The Dark Report. March 17, 2014. A [letter to the Editor](#) discussing pathology error was published in the Hamilton Spectator on November 24, 2014.

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