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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am back from a wonderful conference in Goa and ask each and everyone of you to attend and participate in pathology conferences in India.

The food, the discussions, the warmth (both climate and people) will leave you wanting more! You can connect with so many from our home country and those practicing outside of India!

Let me know and I will connect you to the organizers of cytology and histopathology conferences in India and Asia. On another note, please let me know if you are interested in serving on an AIPNA committee (deadline March 8th). My email is megha.g.joshi@lahey.org

Warm Regards,
Megha Joshi, MD
President, AIPNA

INTERNATIONAL PATHOLOGY CONFERENCE HELD IN GOA FOR 30 CONSECUTIVE YEARS BY DR. ROQUE PINTO A HUGE SUCCESS!

An International Pathology Conference , CME (Continuing Medical Education) Programme in Histopathology and Cytopathology was organised in Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias ,Miramar Goa on 23rd 24th and 25th January 2026 World Class renowned Pathology speakers were Dr Ronald Ghossein (Director of Head Neck Pathology , Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center New York USA) , Dr Nora Katabi (Professor of Pathology Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center New York , USA) , Dr Rafael Jimenez (Professor of Pathology Mayo Clinic School of Medicine and Science , Rochester ,Minnesota , USA) , Dr Megha Joshi (Medical Director Beth , Israel Lahey Hospitals. Massachusetts, USA) , Dr R.G. Wiseman Pinto (Professor of Pathology, former HOD , Former Dean Goa University) ,

The Indian Faculty were Dr B Rekhi (Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai) , Dr K.K.Prasad (PGIMER Chandigarh) , Dr Parikshaa Gupta (PGIMER Chandigarh) ,Dr J Chaurasia (Professor AIIMS Bhopal) , Dr H Panwar (AIIMS Bhopal) ,Dr R.N Rao (SGPGI Lucknow) and Dr P.Baishya (AIIMS Guwahati)

There were 23 lectures and talks , Slide Seminars and Quiz sessions.

In addition the Scientific Programme had 104 Proffered Oral papers and Posters Presented. Delegates came from USA , UK Netherlands. Australia , New Zealand and from 23 states and Union Territories of India.

There was representation from 60 Medical Colleges and 20 Private Labs , Hospitals and Research Institutions in

india.

The topics discussed were Thyroid cancers. Salivary gland tumors. Digital Pathology, AI , Genitourinary Pathology, Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma ,Congenital anomalies , Autopsies , Soft Tissue Tumors Gastrointestinal Pathology, Guided biopsies of intrathoracic lesions ,Renal Pathology, Pancreatic lesions , and other systems.

The Ideology of the Conference was Excellence in Medical Education and the theme Recent Advances in Medicine and Pathology , Tradition intermixed with Modernity. The Chairman of the Conference Dr Wiseman Pinto has been organising International and National Conferences for the last 30 years since 1995 . Goa Medical Council gave Accreditation to the Conference with 10 CME Credit points The Conference had high ethical standards with No sponsors , No advertisements and No stalls.

A Tribute was paid to Dr Anita Borges india's top most Histopathologist and oncopathologist who passed away in September 2024. Dr Deepa Correia Afonso and Dr Savio Rodrigues anchored the Scientific Sessions



A Successful Goa Conference, Jan 23-26, 2026.

Dr. Megha Joshi, Dr. Rafael Jiminez, Dr. Roque Pinto, Dr. Ronald Ghossein, and Dr. Nora Katabi.



Dr. R. N. Rao (SGPGI Lucknow) and Dr. Roque Pinto.



A tribute to Dr. Anita Borges was given by Dr. Roque Pinto at the start of the conference.



Dr. Roque Pinto's conference was a full house



Dr Parikshaa Gupta (PGIMER Chandigarh)

Dr Deepa Correia Afonso





Dr. Bharat Rekhi (TMH, Mumbai)



Dr P. Baishya (AIIMS Guwahati)

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. Darshana Jhala and Dr. Nirag Jhala head Asian Federation of Cytology Societies (AFCS)!. Inaugural meeting in Hongkong!

The poster for the Asian Federation of Cytology Societies (AFCS) Congress 2026 features a background of colorful, stylized cell diagrams. The text is centered and reads: "Asian Federation of Cytology Societies AFCS Congress 2026 May 8-10, 2026 Hong Kong Postgraduate Education Center Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, Hong Kong". Below this, the section "Keynote Speakers" lists six individuals with their portraits and affiliations: Prof. Syed Z. Ali (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine & Johns Hopkins Hospital, USA), Dr. Ashish Chandra (St. Thomas' Hospital, UK), Prof. Darshana N. Jhala (University of Pennsylvania, USA), Prof. Nirag Jhala (Rutgers Cancer Institute & Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, USA), Prof. Robert Y. Osamura (Nippon Koshuikan Hospital, Japan), and Prof. Michael Thrall (Houston Methodist Hospital, USA). A QR code for the official website is located in the bottom right corner. Logos for the organizing institutions, including CU Medicine and the Hong Kong Society of Cytology, are visible at the bottom.

Till now, we had the American society of cytology conference and European conferences. Considering that cytology is a big part of pathology practice in Asia, a brand new Asian Federation of cytology societies has been constituted and their inaugural meeting will be in Hong Kong from May 8-10, 2026. AIPNA members, Drs. Jhala and Jhala are spearheading this effort.

NYU LANGONE NAMES NEW PERLMUTTER CANCER CENTER HEAD

The appointment at one of the nation's top-ranked cancer hospitals marks the end of a 10-month search.

[Zachary Karp](#), Deputy News Editor

January 29, 2026



(Courtesy of NYU Langone Health)

NYU Langone Health announced on Wednesday that the co-director of its Gastrointestinal Cancer Center is stepping up to lead the Perlmutter Cancer Center, one of the highest-ranked cancer hospitals in the United States. Dr. Anirban Maitra, who has directed the gastrointestinal center since it launched in September, is **assuming the role** as director immediately. Before working at NYU Langone, Maitra earned a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery — equivalent to an MD — at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi. He was a professor of pathology and oncology at Johns Hopkins University until 2013, when he moved to the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

“In my time so far at NYU Langone, I’ve had the chance to collaborate with many of our world-class physicians, researchers, nurses, technicians and others who make the care we give patients possible,” Maitra said in the press release. “The integrated nature of this institution gives us so many opportunities to develop our understanding and agility to more rapidly develop new cancer therapies.”

Maitra received the Ruth Leff Siegel Award for impactful contributions in pancreatic cancer research from the Columbia University Department of Surgery in 2021. He was also awarded the Team Science Award from the

American Association for Cancer Research, which honors interdisciplinary teams that make impactful cancer discoveries, in 2013.

The appointment marks the end of a 10-month search that began after the center's previous director, Dr. Alec Kimmelman, was **announced dean and CEO** of NYU Langone and the Grossman School of Medicine last March.

"Dr. Maitra is a proven leader in oncology," Kimmelman said in the press release. "He brings a strong record of clinical and scientific achievement, a deep commitment to advancing cancer research and the vision needed to help drive Perlmutter Cancer Center's continued growth and impact on patients and families."

In October, doctors at the Perlmutter Cancer Center **developed a treatment** for a woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer in her first trimester of pregnancy, when patients are typically advised to abort their pregnancy to seek cancer care. Through a pregnancy-safe treatment plan developed for mastectomy and chemotherapy, the patient was able to deliver a healthy baby despite her condition.

Named the **No. 16** cancer hospital in the country by U.S. News and World Report, the center was founded in 1975 and is one of 57 cancer research centers to be designated a **Comprehensive Cancer Center** by the National Cancer Institute, which recognizes hospitals for leadership, resources and research output.

Contact Zachary Karp at zkarp@nyunews.com.

AI NEWS FROM SILICONE VALLEY: FOR US NON TECHNIES!

Submitted by Mahesh Joshi

How fast this is actually moving

Let me make the pace of improvement concrete, because I think this is the part that's hardest to believe if you're not watching it closely.

In 2022, AI couldn't do basic arithmetic reliably. It would confidently tell you that $7 \times 8 = 54$.

By 2023, it could pass the bar exam.

By 2024, it could write working software and explain graduate-level science.

By late 2025, some of the best engineers in the world said they had handed over most of their coding work to AI.

On February 5th, 2026, new models arrived that made everything before them feel like a different era.

If you haven't tried AI in the last few months, what exists today would be unrecognizable to you.

Please click on this link to read more about the tremendous progress seen in the AI and digital field.

AI is now building the next AI. Let that land for a second. If AI is smarter than most PhDs, do you really think it can't do most office jobs?

Think about what that means for your work. [CLICK HERE!](#)

WELLNESS CORNER

February is the shortest month of the year, yet it is filled with celebrations like Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, Groundhog Day, Black History Month, the Superbowl, and more. AIPNA invites you to take a breather this month and feel the love in the air.

"To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance."

— Oscar Wilde, the renowned Irish writer, poet, and playwright known for his wit, flamboyant style, and memorable epigrams.

It is important to remember that you deserve to be loved just as you are. Prioritizing self love is key to happiness, supports better mental health, nourishes your soul, and boosts confidence. It also strengthens relationships by teaching others how to love and respect you.

AIPNA proudly presents Dr. Srinivas Mandavilli, a pathologist and poet, who has generously shared his reflections on well being and life beyond pathology.

As a special treat for our readers, Dr. Mandavilli has contributed two remarkable poems, "Brain Biopsy" and my personal favorite, "Rain."

Below is a link to below is a link to order Dr. Mandavilli's latest book of poems:

<https://mainstreetragbookstore.com/product/howrah-bridge-srinivas-mandavilli/>



"I wrote a bit in my medical school days like many of you might have and then about 10 years into working as a pathologist found myself writing again. So took a poetry class at a local university to see if this is something I should pursue and it was very challenging to sit in a class of college freshmen and read my mediocre attempts at poetry! It was later another summer at a writer's workshop at Wesleyan University, where the feedback from a wonderful poet (who became a mentor of sorts) helped me in continuing to write. Over the next few years, I joined a few writer's groups and found that support and feedback from fellow poets & instructors very useful.

As a surgical pathologist, we are looking down into a world, a whole another world each day as we stare down the microscope. Each day we descend into a variety of landscapes of magenta and blue and mitoses and hemorrhagic lakes. Such imagery is always inspiring. When you tie that to a human story and the deeply personal aspects of illness, a difficult diagnosis and the uncertainty that such diagnosis might bring or the fortitude with which the indomitable human spirit triumphs—all provide plenty of inspiration to write.

The lives we lead with years spent in training to be a pathologist, then the challenge of a modern-day surgical pathologist navigating the complexity of IHC and molecular work up, keeping up with various subspecialty advances, buffeted by digital pathology and what AI might mean---all can be a bit too much. So, a refuge of another world: a world of words, a word built of images, of metaphors where very little gets said and the empty spaces around those lines of poetry that might lead the readers to reflect and remember their own private worlds and experiences— is very rewarding.

The process of writing, editing, getting it into a form and then sending it out into the world hoping an editor somewhere will publish one's poem can be very frustrating, but that helps cull the mediocre work out. It has been fulfilling to have published two slim volumes of poetry (chapbooks) and it is lovely to be able to have published literature as well as a textbook of Pathology. That road also led me to participate in reading my work locally and at literary festivals and occasionally be part of faculty at a writers' conference.

As physicians, with the daily pressures of balancing work with family, managing stress, and figuring out ways to avoiding burnout—requires us to find a haven to recharge and get back into the thick of things. A writer's life provides such respite. Finally, to be able to write, you must read, read always, read widely, take notes and be inspired by the masters. So, if nothing else, trying to write (and frankly one is always learning), forces you to enter magnificent worlds---all constructed with words on a page. What more can one ask for?"

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S R I N I V A S M A N D A V I L L I

Srinivas Mandavilli, who was born in India, is a Senior Attending Pathologist at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, CT. He trained in oncologic pathology and cytopathology at the MD Anderson Cancer Center, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and has a subspecialty interest in gynecologic pathology and neuropathology. In addition to his research publications in pathology, he has contributed to chapters in books on pathology, and recently published an immunohistochemistry app, *SoS IHC*, for Apple and Android devices.

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He is the author of *Gods In The Foyer*, a collection of poems, and has had poems published in *The Raven's Perch*, *Indolent Books*, *Verse Virtual*, *CT River Review*, *Caduceus*, *Long River Run*, *Theodate*, *JAMA*, *Freshwater*, *Drunken Boat*, and *SN Review*. With his wife Bela and two daughters, Srinivas Mandavilli lives in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Srinivas Mandavilli

RAIN

We lay together on a *charpoy*, the thrum on asbestos roofs ending all days. The downpour cantillates like Sanskrit chanting we had heard at Kamakhya temple, or the one in the drenched valley of leeches and guava trees. As we gathered by Dikhow's shore, the river gravid with mud, branches and massive trunks, all flowing with a ferocity towards a cantilever bridge. Brahmaputra becomes a sea every monsoon, never settles, inundates all the elephant grass which our mahout carefully held back on our rides. Today we wander into another summer on Lakshman Jhula where the Ganges turns green, tourists run to small motels to escape the drizzle. Some things do not change—the small delight of sitting on a railway platform savoring *chana dal* fritters by wet train tracks with steaming cardamom tea in clay cups. There is a storm expected, already the smell of rain mouses its way in like the time you cried after your mother's passing, the sky was splayed by Indra's bow. There was so much dampness the night your water broke, as we ran from the laundromat with a newspaper over our heads, the car's floor mats also soaked from a leaking heater core. And this is how I know you, on an outrigger listening to a whale song in a drizzle, breeze coursing on your face, not joyless but not joyous for anything and in its swells

flood waters pour in
a thought that the world might change
once or not at all



Srinivas Mandavilli is Chief of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine at Hartford Hospital and the author of the chapbook *Gods in the Foyer* (Antrim Books, 2016). His work has been featured in the anthologies *Hum Aiseich Bolte* (Transcendent Zero Press, 2022) and *Of Hartford in Many Lights* (Grayson Books, 2024) as well as numerous literary journals including *Rattle*, *Poetry Wales*, *The Night Heron Barks*, *New Square*, *Modern Haiku*, *The Raven's Perch*, *Verse Virtual*, and *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Mandavilli is a two-time Pushcart Prize nominee and lives in Connecticut with his wife Bela.

The heartfelt poems of *Howrah Bridge* are Srinivas Mandavilli's "faithful work of returning" to India, to childhood, to memories that "rise and fall like a rainstorm... over the Ganges." Archetypal and culturally specific, his memories bridge past and present selves. Part "good son," part Krishna, part tiger, Mandavilli seeks clarity, plumbing the depths, tasting pain and delight as he would the seeds of a pomegranate. His poems savor and heal.

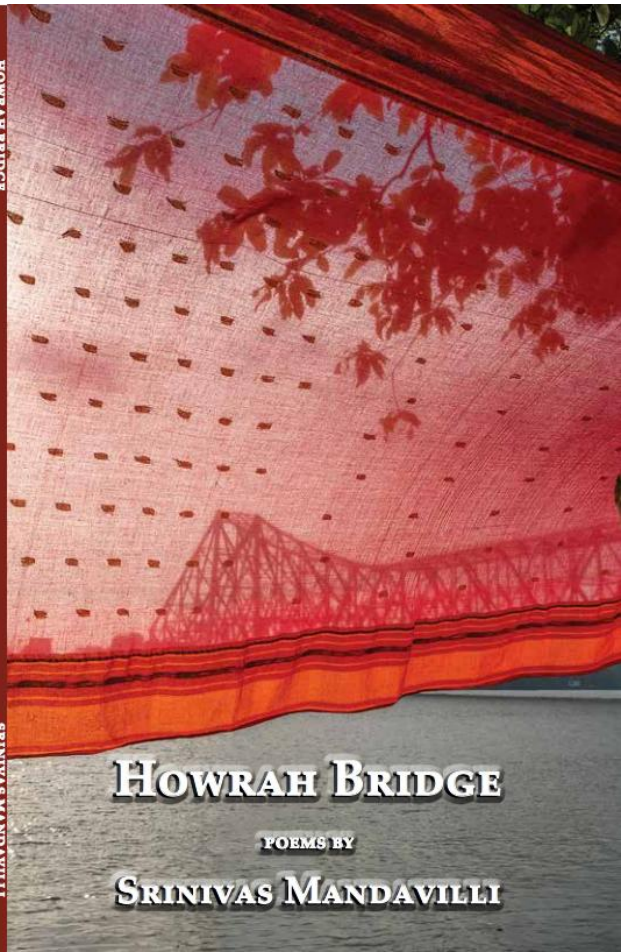
-Margaret Gibson

"My offering is poetry," writes Srinivas Mandavilli in his stunning collection, *Howrah Bridge*. Indeed, these lush and vibrant poems do the "faithful work of returning." Whether visiting a homeland of blackouts with "rain like incantations," cardamom and roses, man-eating tigers and venomous snakes, or tending a mother, and later carrying her ashes. Whether wandering the Ganges, or buying frozen roti at Costco, *Howrah Bridge* evokes the imperative, redemptive—even sacred—possibilities of memory and of poetry.

-Tina Cane

HOWRAH BRIDGE

SRINIVAS MANDAVILLI



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Brain Biopsy

Srinivas Mandavilli, MD

In neuroradiology they have a gift for reading the mind.
Cavitary masses in both hemispheres are reduced
to mere painted pixels in two planes
—mottling on the dark wings of a butterfly.

I move the glass slide on the microscope stage,
rectangular like a small nation on a map,
content to hold all its new languages.
A landscape infiltrated by anaplastic arms of a glioma.

She does not weep when I visit, nor ask what I know.
Her pale face shines, the bandages are a bandana.
We do not invoke the sacred as I lean toward her,
or wonder what a numinous cosmos might bring.

I bow in silence and see an underworld
—an otherworld where planets improvise like nuclei,
slingshot by rogue genes, mere variations of constants.
I pace the room round and round in the empty space.

While we drive on a summer evening, she rests,
her long fingers intertwine, the heft
of her dark tresses strewn carelessly like the road ahead.
Headlights float, blackbirds spiral into an unraveled genome.

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The form of this poem is Haibun- a Japanese form that has prose poem followed by a haiku.

A haiku is a traditional form of Japanese poetry, known for its brevity and focus on capturing a specific, momentary scene in nature or everyday life, often with a profound, emotional, or philosophical undertone. It typically consists of three unrhymed lines with a 5-7-5 syllable structure (though this is often adapted in English), aiming for a concise, "snapshot" effect.

We invite our readers to pause for a moment, lean into a sense of nostalgia, and reconnect with nature as they read the poem "Rain." As surgical pathologists, we have all faced tough and complex diagnoses, and "Brain Biopsy" resonates deeply with those experiences, capturing the emotional weight and responsibility that accompany our interpretations, which so profoundly impact patients and their families. To translate such moments into poetry is a remarkable talent, and truly inspirational.

I hope this encourages our readers to rediscover a hobby, perhaps something cherished from the past or an entirely new pursuit, one that nourishes the soul and brings a profound sense of fulfillment and mental well being.

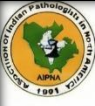


Warm Regards,


Lakshmi Harinath

TRAINEE CORNER

It's that time of the year again. Trainees are advised to apply for the AIPNA USCAP 26 Abstract competition. Please see the flyer below for details.




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 **Win a CASH Prize for Your USCAP2026 Abstract!**


AIPNA's Best Abstract Competition for pathology residents and fellows:

- If you're the **first author** of an abstract accepted for presentation at **USCAP2026**, you're eligible to enter and win!

Submission Deadline : Saturday, Feb 28, 2026.

 **Eligibility**

- Open to all pathology trainees and fellows in good standing.
- Must be **first author** of an abstract accepted at the **USCAP Annual Meeting 2026**.
- Abstract can be for a **poster** or **platform talk**.

 **Prizes**

- **\$200 first prize** and **more cash prizes** awarded.
- All submitted abstracts judged by a panel of senior AIPNA pathologists.
- Prizes awarded at the **AIPNA General Body Meeting at USCAP2026**, on **Sunday 22ND March 2026**.

Email the PDF of your abstract to: ainpathology@gmail.com

Your email must include -

- ❖ A subject line:- "AIPNA best abstract competition for USCAP2026."
- ❖ A self-attestation in the body of email "I am a GME trainee in good standing in the (AP/CP or fellowship name) program at (name, city and state of institution) and have contributed substantially to the research summarized in this abstract"
- ❖ The abstract number assigned by USCAP and presentation type (poster/platform talk).

WE HEAR FROM OUR PAST TREASURER AND VICE PRESIDENT! DR. RAJAL SHAH



As you know, I was kind of withdrawn from AIPNA for the last 6 years due to my commitments with the GUPS. I have successfully finished my terms initially as secretary, then president-elect, and as president. With the grace of God, I have been successful in healing the differences between both societies and doing many good activities. Last year, I organized a joint GUPS and ISUP intraductal carcinoma of the prostate (IDCP) consultation in Boston to resolve some of the controversial recommendations regarding IDCP, and the proceedings of that are now published. I have attached it for your reference. I have also attached another white paper that we did jointly. (Am J Surg Pathol Volume 49, Number 12, December 2025 Defining Indolent Prostate Cancer by GUPS and ISUP, Histopathology 2026, 88, 8–23. DOI: 10.1111/his.70046), 2025-Shahetal-

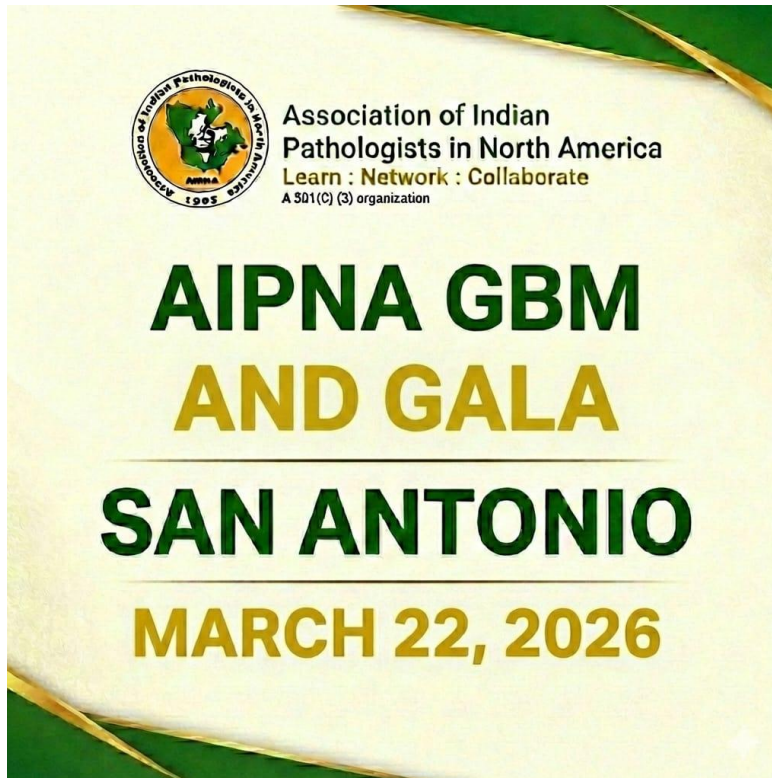
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[Genitourinary Pathology Society and International Society of Urological Pathology White Paper on Defining Indolent Prostate Cancer: Call for a Multidisciplinary Approach - PubMed](#)

I am reaching out to express my interest in getting involved with AIPNA again!

GET READY FOR AIPNA GBM AND GALA AT THE USCAP MEETING, SAN ANTONIO



2026 AIPNA Companion Meeting @USCAP, San Antonio
Sunday March 22nd, 2-4 pm, Room 303B



Romil Saxena, MD, MBBS, FRCPath
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA, United States
Session Chair



Megha G Joshi, MD
Lahey Health
Boston, MA, United States
Session Chair

Biomarker Testing in Surgical Pathology for Targeted Cancer Therapies

Genito-urinary



Deepika Sirohi, MD
University of California, San
Francisco (UCSF)
San Francisco, CA, United
States

Gastrointestinal



Arvind Rishi, MD
Donald and Barbara Zucker
School of Medicine at
Hofstra/Northwell
Greenvale, NY, United States

Lung



Aliya N. Husain, MBBS
University of Chicago,
Chicago, IL, United
States

Mark your calendars folks! We are hoping to have a big presence at our companion meeting.

BIOMARKER TESTING IN SURGICAL PATHOLOGY FOR TARGETED CANCER THERAPIES

PRESENTATIONS

Biomarker testing for targeted therapies of cancers of the genito-urinary tract

Deepika Sirohi

Associate Professor of Pathology, University of California, San Francisco.

Biomarker testing for targeted therapies of cancers of the gastrointestinal tract

Arvind Rishi, Northwell

Associate Professor, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra University

Biomarker testing for targeted therapies of cancers of the gastrointestinal tract

Aliya N. Husain

Professor of Pathology, University of Chicago

MODERATORS

Romil Saxena

Professor of Pathology, Emory University

Megha Joshi

Associate Pathologist, Beth Israel Lahey Health

COURSE DESCRIPTION

As targeted therapies reach their carpe diem moment in medicine, surgical pathology is increasingly called upon to guide the hand that pens the prescription. Requests for biomarker testing are therefore an everyday reality of contemporary surgical pathology practice. However, keeping up with emerging and evolving data can be an overwhelming task. Further anxiety is sometimes introduced by lack of consensus guidelines and requests for non-traditional testing.

This course is designed to disperse some of the fog by summarizing current standard-of-care guidelines in biomarker testing for malignancies of the lung, genito-urinary tract, and gastrointestinal tract. Select “hot” biomarkers emerging on the horizon will also be discussed.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to

1. Identify key biomarkers relevant to cancers of the lung, gastrointestinal tract and genito-urinary tract.
2. Summarize appropriate testing algorithms and guidelines for biomarker testing in cancers of the lung, gastrointestinal tract and genito-urinary tract.
3. Utilize biopsies appropriately for immunohistochemical, biomarker and molecular testing.
4. Summarize the clinical utility of and pathologists’ role in testing and informing management decisions in targeted cancer therapies.



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An Evening of Dinner, Music & Community

When : Sunday March 22, 2026
Time : 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm
Where: Salon D, Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk

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SANJAY KAKAR AT THE HEART OF THE AIPNA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Mentors and Mentees to be felicitated at AIPNA GALA and GBM Young AIPNA Members encouraged to sign up!

Mentee	Mentor	Feedback
Sonal Italiya Baylor	Dhanpat Jain	<p>"I had the opportunity to meet with my assigned mentor both virtually and in person during USCAP 2025. We discussed fellowship applications and potential research projects.</p> <p>I'm excited to share that I applied for a GI pathology fellowship and received interview invitations from several outstanding programs. I've accepted a fellowship position at MD Anderson Cancer Center in GI pathology."</p>
Sujani Madabhushi U Penn	Amitabh Srivastava	<p>"Thank you so much for the effort in creating this wonderful platform. I have met with my designated mentor, Dr. Srivastav and the meeting went very well.</p> <p>We discussed my current goals and plans for the surgical pathology fellowship. As per his suggestion, I have chosen to focus on soft tissue pathology as my subspecialty concentration before beginning my GI fellowship next year."</p>
Ritika Bhat BIDMC, Boston	Parul Bhargava	"I met with Dr. Bhargava a couple of weeks ago and we had a very helpful discussion about my fellowship application plans. She provided valuable guidance on different aspects of the application, the role of location preference, and even shared insightful advice on how these considerations may extend into the job search process."
Asma Arshia Univ of Kentucky	Renuka Malenie	"I had the intro meeting with Dr. Malenie. It went well and hopefully we are going to meet each other in person during the AIPNA meeting held at USCAP. "
Dlishad Dhaliwal Baylor	Sanjay Kakar	"I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your kind words and encouragement regarding my GI pathology fellowship application in June 2024. I am happy to share that I have secured a GI pathology fellowship at Yale School of Medicine and am excited about this next step in my career. "
<i>Madhurya Ramineni Univ Rochester</i>	<i>Mamta Gupta</i>	<i>No response from Madhurya</i>
<i>Hansini Laharwani Univ Mississippi</i>	<i>Karuna Garg</i>	<i>Has not been able to reach out to mentor due to work and other responsibilities but plans to do it</i>
<i>Reenal Patel Corewell Health East William Beaumont University</i>	<i>Darshana Jhala</i>	<i>Decided to pursue Hematopathology instead of Cytopathology and did not pursue the Mentorship option</i>



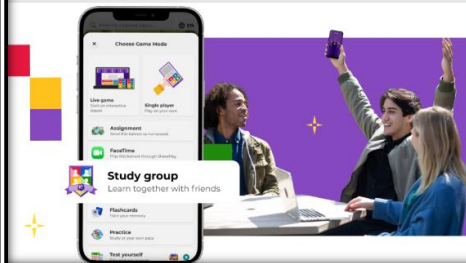
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UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Int CME, AIPNA ICP meeting in Amritsar, India Feb, 20-22 2026:
 2. MPAL, Kolkatta Feb 27-29, 2026
 3. USCAP Mtg March 20, 2026
 4. PLS/HOD April 2026 Washington DC
 5. IAP in Japan, Oct 2026
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dear AIPNA Members and Colleagues,

Welcome to the February 2026 edition of our newsletter!

If there is one defining characteristic of pathology right now, it is velocity. The speed at which our field is evolving—moving from purely morphological diagnoses to integrated molecular classifications—is truly breathtaking. Yet, as I review this month's issue, it is clear our community is not just keeping pace; we are leading the charge globally.

This month, we celebrate the monumental success of the 30th International Pathology Conference in Goa, brilliantly organized by Dr. Roque Pinto. We also look forward to the inaugural meeting of the Asian Federation of Cytology Societies (AFCS) in Hong Kong, spearheaded by our own Drs. Darshana and Nirag Jhala.

As we navigate dizzying advancements in AI, finding balance is essential. I highly encourage you to visit our Wellness Corner to read Dr. Srinivas Mandavilli's profound poetry, which serves as a beautiful reminder of the empathy and art that underpin our daily work.

For our trainees, the path forward is packed with opportunity. Don't forget to submit your entries for the AIPNA Best Abstract Competition by the February 28th deadline. To help our residents crush their exams, the Ace My Path Rapid-Fire Board Review is also underway, offering a gamified, high-yield review of over 1,000 MCQs.

Finally, the excitement is building for our reunion in San Antonio next month. Our 2026 AIPNA Companion Meeting at USCAP will tackle a critical daily requirement for contemporary practice: "Biomarker Testing in Surgical Pathology for Targeted Cancer Therapies". Led by Dr. Romil Saxena and Dr. Megha Joshi, our expert panel will provide practical, cutting-edge updates. Afterward, get ready to celebrate "Apna AIPNA" at our Sunday evening Gala—an unforgettable night of dinner, music, and community!

It is a tremendously exciting time to be a pathologist. Let us embrace these advancements together.

With warm regards and anticipation for a great year ahead,

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