

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## The American Board of Pathology Announces the Appointment of Dr. Anne Buckley and Dr. Matthew Schniederjan to the Test Development and Advisory Committee for Neuropathology

TAMPA, Fla., (Jan. 7, 2020)- The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) is pleased to announce the appointment of Anne Buckley, MD and Matthew Schniederjan, MD to the ABPath's Test Development and Advisory Committee (TDAC) for Neuropathology for 2020. The TDACs are responsible for developing and reviewing the ABPath certification exam questions that assess and certify a physician's education, knowledge, experience, and skills in order to provide high quality care in the pathology profession.

To be appointed to a TDAC means a physician is an established subject matter expert in their subspecialty field and is current on the latest advances in the continually evolving field of pathology and patient care. TDAC committee members develop and review examination questions for statistical performance and relevance to current practice. They contribute to the validity of examinations by determining the content and distribution of items on examinations (exam blueprints). The TDACs also advise the ABPath on issues in their subspecialty area of expertise.

"As TDAC members, these physicians play a critical role in the development of the exams and are entrusted with maintaining the integrity of the board-certified designation. The appointment to a TDAC indicates the physician is highly regarded in the field of pathology and exemplifies the utmost standards of care," states Rebecca L. Johnson, M.D., CEO of the American Board of Pathology.

Since 1971, the ABPath has appointed test committees for each specialty area of pathology. The committee consists of ABPath trustees and other pathologists or specialty physicians who are recognized experts in their respective disciplines. There are presently 14 ABPath TDACs.

They are: Anatomic Pathology, Anatomic Pathology CertLink®, Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine, Chemical Pathology, Clinical Pathology CertLink®, Management and Informatics, Cytopathology, Dermatopathology (with appointees from the American Board of Dermatology), Forensic Pathology, Hematopathology, Medical Microbiology, Molecular Genetic Pathology (with appointees from the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics), Neuropathology, and Pediatric Pathology.

## **About the American Board of Pathology**

The mission of the American Board of Pathology, as a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties, is to serve the public and advance the profession of pathology by setting certification standards and promoting lifelong competency of pathologists. Founded in 1936, the ABPath accomplishes this mission by establishing certification and continuing certification standards and assessing the qualifications of those seeking to obtain voluntary certification in the specialty of pathology. For more information on ABPath, visit <a href="mailto:abpath.org">abpath.org</a> or call (813) 286-2444.

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