



**PATHOLOGIST
PIPELINE
CHAMPION**

Ideas and Resources to Engage and Expose Medical Students to Pathology

These ideas and activities can be inserted anywhere in the curriculum (pre-clerkship, clerkship, and post-clerkship).



APPLICABLE STAGES OF SPECIALTY DECISION-MAKING*

	Thought	Exploration	Decision	Action
Mentoring				
Pathology student interest group	●	●	●	●
Pathology electives or selectives (3rd- or 4th-year students)		●	●	
Career specialty days	●	●		
Capstone project		●	●	
Awards (one, multiple, certificates)				●
Pathology Honor Society (ICPI)				●
Pathology mentors	●	●	●	●
Pathology lunches/dinners	●	●	●	
Career talks/specialty talks	●	●	●	
Materials to hand out about careers in pathology	●	●	●	

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4. Action stage: Applying for a residency in the chosen specialty.

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Hands on experiences				
Tissue conferences	●	●	●	
Tumor boards	●	●	●	
Digitized slide conferences	●	●	●	
Research opportunities	●	●	●	●
Shadowing	●	●	●	●
Participating in frozen sections	●	●	●	
Partnering with residents	●	●	●	●
Viewing autopsies	●	●	●	
Blood banking	●	●	●	
Blood smear reviews	●	●	●	
Participate in grossing	●	●	●	
Rotate through the clinical or anatomic labs	●	●	●	
Summer fellowship		●	●	
Post-sophomore year fellowship		●	●	
Lab tours	●	●	●	
Pathology workshops	●	●	●	
Online resources				
Social media presence	●	●	●	●
Virtual lab tours	●	●	●	●
Virtual pathology electives		●	●	
Virtual pathology student interest groups	●	●	●	●
CAP residency page	●	●	●	●
AAMC	●	●	●	●
ICPI	●	●	●	●
CAP Medical Student Forum	●	●	●	●
Young scholar opportunities (APC, USCAP)		●	●	●

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