

# Imagine 2026 and Beyond: Taking Your Laboratories into the Future

## Achieving Excellence in Patient-Centered Care

Saturday, October 10, 2026

7:15 - 8:00	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast - Visit Vendor Exhibits &amp; Posters</b>			Lobby
8:00 - 8:05	<b>Welcome to Imagine 2026: Taking Your Laboratories into the Future</b>			Auditorium
	<i>Gary Catarella, MBA, MT (ASCP) &amp; Ruth Lininger, MD, MPH</i>			
8:05 - 9:05	<b>KEYNOTE #1: Implementing a Pathology Clinic and the Role of Digital Pathology, Plus a Patient Perspective</b>			Auditorium
	<i>Lija Joseph, MD &amp; Deedee O'Brien</i>			
9:05 - 9:35	<b>Driving Laboratory Value with Patient Centered Pathology Reporting</b>			Auditorium
	<i>Rajesh Dash, MD &amp; Nicholas Befera, MD</i>			
9:35 - 9:50	<b>Vendor Exhibits, Break &amp; Visit Posters</b>			
	<b>Track 1</b>	<b>Track 2</b>	<b>Track 3</b>	
9:50 - 10:20	<b>Advocate National Clinical Trials initiative, with AI Driven Matching, Centralized Data Tracking</b> <i>Adam Samson, MSHS</i>	<b>Gestational Trophoblastic Diseases Placental Pathology</b> <i>Diana Kozman, MD</i>	<b>PA Workload Metrics and Staffing</b> <i>Jack Green, MHS, PA(ASCP)</i>	Breakout 1
10:20 - 10:35	<b>Vendor Exhibits, Break &amp; Visit Posters</b>			
10:35 - 11:05	<b>Diagnostic Stewardship Project for Hematopathology Malignancy NGS Testing</b> <i>Sarah Rapisardo, PhD; Jadee Neff, MD, PhD</i>	<b>Enterprise Approach to Point-of-Care Testing and Remote Patient Monitoring</b> <i>Holly Hunt</i>	<b>Needle Biopsies of the Mediastinum</b> <i>Kim Geisinger, MD</i>	Breakout 2
11:05 - 11:20	<b>Vendor Exhibits, Break &amp; Visit Posters</b>			Lobby
11:20 - 12:05	<b>Redesigning Pathology Services for Patient Centered Care – Imagine the Possibilities</b>			Auditorium
	<i>Moderator: Gary Catarella, MBA, MT (ASCP) Anne Buckley, MD, PhD; Diana Cardona, MD MBA; Lija Joseph, MD; Deedee O'Brien</i>			
12:05 - 1:00	<b>Lunch, Vendor Exhibits, Break &amp; Visit Posters</b>			Lobby

More information at:

<https://www.southpiedmontahec.org/event/77569>

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1:00 - 2:00	<b>KEYNOTE #2: Leveraging AI for Innovation: Clinical Challenges and Future Solutions</b>			<b>Auditorium</b>
	<i>Diana Cardona, MD MB; Metin Gurcan, PhD</i>			
2:00 - 2:15	<b>Vendor Exhibits, Break &amp; Visit Posters</b>			<b>Lobby</b>
2:15 - 3:00	<b>Digital Pathology and AI Panel: Updates and New Frontiers</b>			<b>Auditorium</b>
	<i>Moderator: William Jeck, MD, PhD</i>			
	<i>Diana Cardona, MD MBA; Carolyn Glass, MD, PhD; Metin Gurcan, PhD</i>			
3:00 - 3:10	<b>Vendor Exhibits, Break &amp; Visit Posters</b>			<b>Lobby</b>
	<b>Track 1</b>	<b>Track 2</b>	<b>Track 3</b>	
3:10 - 4:10	<b>Racial Biology and Medical Misconceptions</b> <i>Andrea Deyrup, MD, PhD</i> <b>1 CMP Ethics</b>	<b>Population Genetic Screening: The UNC Experience</b> <i>Kimberly Foss, MS, CGC</i>	<b>Better Staffing, Better Care: The Lab Workforce Advantage</b> <i>Rita A. Winsor, MSHR, SHRM-SCP</i>	<b>Breakout 3</b>
4:10 - 4:40	<b>Diagnostic Stewardship in Clinical Microbiology: Ensuring the Right Test at the Right Time</b> <i>Alyssa Hubal, PhD</i>	<b>Implementation of Atrium Health's Patient Blood &amp; Anemia Management Program</b> <i>Chandler Purser, BSN, RN, TCTN</i>	<b>Forensic Autopsies and Updates on the State-of-the-Art Autopsy Facility</b> <i>Tiffany O'Neil, DO</i>	<b>Breakout 4</b>
4:40 - 4:45	<b>Awards and Closing Remarks</b>			<b>Auditorium</b>
	<i>Ruth Lininger, MD &amp; Phil Boyer, MD</i>			

