

ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting Satellite Symposia Application

MEETING DATES: NOVEMBER 17-20, 2026 | LOCATION: PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC, CANADA

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Satellite Symposium at ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting. Please submit a separate application for each proposed Satellite Symposium by October 15, 2026. Please note that timeslots are filled on a first come first serve basis.

All applications must be submitted via this form. Applications received in any format other than this form will not be reviewed by ASCP.

Availability of time and date slots for Satellite Symposia are limited and will be considered on a first-come basis. If multiple requests are made for the same date/time slot, then the date of receipt of each application by ASCP will be used to establish priority for slot assignments. If a desired date/time slot is not available, an alternate slot may be offered.

Applications must be submitted in English and all information requested must be completed. Submission of an application does NOT guarantee acceptance of a Satellite Symposium at ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting. ASCP will provide feedback to all applicants in a timely manner but will not identify the individual reviewers.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the National Physicians Payment Transparency Program, codified at 42 CFR Parts 402 and 403, was created (the “Sunshine Act”). Under the Sunshine Act, industry has a legal obligation to report to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) the value of Payments and other Transfers of Value, both direct and indirect, made on or after August 15, 2026, to physicians and teaching hospitals who are Covered Recipients. “Covered Recipients” include medical doctors, doctors of osteopathic medicine, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, licensed chiropractors, and teaching hospitals. Financial Transfers that are subject to reporting include:

- Direct = Manufacturers of a drug, device, biological, or medical supplies participating in federal health care programs will have to report to CMS any direct payments or transfers of value to physicians and/or teaching hospitals of \$10 or more. However, there are 12 exceptions where a direct payment or transfer of value is not subject to reporting. These include product samples and educational materials that directly benefit patients.
- Indirect = Transfers that are not made directly to physicians. These are categorized as third party transfers and other types of indirect transfers.

For further details on compliance with the Sunshine Act, please visit www.ama-assn.org/go/sunshine.

For details on the application submission and review process refer to [Submission Guidelines](#) at the end of this document.

Return completed applications via email:

Nam Nguyen, nam.nguyen@ascp.org

Satellite Symposia Application

PART 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name

First Name

Last Name

Organization

E-mail

Phone Number

FAX

Address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Postal Zip Code

SYMPOSIUM PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

<input type="checkbox"/>	60 Minute Live Symposium/Product Workshop	\$25,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	60 Minute Live Symposium/Product Workshop PLUS On-Demand	\$30,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	60 Minute Webinar	\$25,000

ADD-ONS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-show Email	\$3,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Post-show Email	\$3,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre/Post Show Email Package	\$5,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flyer	\$2,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	Door Drop	\$6,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Website banner ad	\$2,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notification Alerts	\$2,500

60-minute Live Webinar to be scheduled before or after Meeting **\$25,000**

- Branded registration page
- Zoom Live polling, surveys, & Q&A
- MP4 copy of the webinar
- Zoom reporting & metrics
- Webinar marketing
- Email Blasts (up to 4 emails, capped at 20,000)
- Social Media x 2 (Facebook & X), 1 x (LinkedIn)
- Automatic reminder emails to webinar registrants

Accredited groups are highly encouraged to provide continuing medical education (CME) credit to attendees.

Satellite symposia that do not offer CME credit: Per ACCME Standard 5: Manage Ancillary Activities Offered in Conjunction with Accredited Continuing Education, live continuing education activities developed by or with influence from an ineligible company or with planners or faculty with unmitigated financial relationships must not occur in the educational space within 30 minutes before or after an accredited education activity. Activities that are part of the event but are not accredited for continuing education must be clearly labeled and communicated as such.

PART 2. GENERAL INFORMATION

Session Title (*Maximum 100 characters including spaces*)

Topic Category: **(enter "1" for primary topic category; enter an "X" in up to 3 additional categories as secondary)*

AP = anatomic pathology CP = clinical pathology

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AP — Cytopathology (Gynecologic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Pathology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP — Cytopathology (Non-Gynecologic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory/Business Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP — Surgical Pathology (Dermatopathology, Gynecologic, Head & Neck, Breast, Endocrine, Pediatrics, Pulmonary) | <input type="checkbox"/> New Techniques and Technologies (including informatics, digital imaging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP — Surgical Pathology (Gastrointestinal, Genitourinary, Liver, Pancreas, Renal, Bone & Soft Tissue, Cardiovascular) | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice and Quality Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP — Autopsy, Forensic, Neuropathology, Grossing | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development, Leadership, Career Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CP — Blood Banking, Transfusion Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health Policy, Health Care Reform |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CP — Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> The Patient's Clinical Team (pathologists' role working with others to treat patients/guide care) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CP — Medical Microbiology | <input type="checkbox"/> Other category: (please describe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hematopathology | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Molecular Pathology (techniques, testing, including cytogenetics) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certification Support (fundamental knowledge; American Board of Pathology Maintenance of Certification/ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASCP Certification Maintenance Program) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Best Practices for Pathologists and Laboratory Professionals | |

Educational Session Description: **(Maximum 200 words)*

This is a succinct summary of the concepts and subject matter to be included in the session. Include educational format (teaching method), content to be covered, and why meeting participants should attend the proposed session. Description maybe edited for use in promotional catalog and additional input may be requested from you later.

Preferred Session Timing:

- Morning (before scheduled meeting education begins)
- Afternoon (after scheduled meeting education ends - 30-minute slots)
- Evening (After scheduled meeting education ends - Wednesday and Thursday)

*Please note, if the Satellite Symposia do not offer CME credits, then the afternoon time slot is not available.

PRIMARY FACULTY PRESENTER:

Name

First Name

Last Name

Full Name with Degree Designations and/or ASCP Certification(s)

Address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Postal Zip Code

Presentation Expertise and/or Experience: (100 words or less)

This is a succinct summary of the concepts and subject matter to be included in the session. Include educational format (teaching method), content to be covered, and why meeting participants should attend the proposed session. Description maybe edited for use in promotional catalog and additional input may be requested from you later.

ADDITIONAL FACULTY PRESENTERS:

Full Name (First, Last Name)

Full Name with Degree Designations and/or ASCP Certification(s)

Email

Full Name (First, Last Name)

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PART 3. LEARNING STRATEGIES

(Complete only for Satellite Symposium or Innovation Showcase formats.)

Primary Intended Audience (select ONE that MOST applies)

- Practicing Pathologists
- Residents/Fellows
- Laboratory Professionals
- Pathologists' Assistants

Physician Competencies Addressed (select ALL that apply)

- Patient care — a satisfactory level of diagnostic competence and the ability to provide appropriate and effective care in the context of pathology services.
- Medical knowledge — knowledge about established and evolving biomedical, clinical, and cognate (e.g., epidemiological and social-behavioral) sciences and the application of this knowledge to pathology.
- Practice-based learning and improvement — the ability to investigate and evaluate his/her diagnostic and consultative practices, appraise and assimilate scientific evidence, and improve individual care practices.
- Professionalism — a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities, adherence to ethical principles, and sensitivity to a diverse patient population
- Interpersonal and communication skills — interpersonal and communication skills that result in effective relationships, information exchange and learning with other health care providers, patients, and patients' families
- Systems-based practice — an awareness and responsiveness to the larger context and systems of health care and the ability to call on system resources to provide pathology services that are of optimal value
- Physicians are not the primary intended audience for the proposed education

Learning Needs/Professional Practice Gaps Addressed:

1. How will the proposed Satellite Symposium address an identified professional practice gap?

2. What evidence demonstrates a need for this Satellite Symposium among pathologists and/or laboratory professionals based on the identified professional practice gap?

Intended Learning Outcomes: *(List up to 3 outcomes, use measurable, action verbs)*

Following this session, participants will be able to:

Nature of Satellite Symposium Content:

The content of ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting comprises new and distilled information balanced with core knowledge to encourage the rapid translation of scientific research into the practice of pathology. Using a total of 100 points, subjectively assign a number of points to each category below to indicate the rough percentage composition of the proposed educational Satellite Symposium.

(Total points must add to 100)

Core knowledge essential to pathologists and/or laboratory professionals

New or cutting-edge knowledge in pathology and/or laboratory medicine

Interactive Learning Components:

Briefly describe the plan for including interactive learning components such as audience questioning, case solving, case sharing, and so on, to involve the audience in this proposed session.

Additional Information for Review: *(maximum 150 words)*

Briefly note any additional information that you would like application reviewers to consider.

PART 4. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

(Complete only for Satellite Symposium formats.)

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Describe how registration for this Satellite Symposium will be conducted. Include applicable contact information.

Company Name:	<input type="text"/>	Fax Registrations:	<input type="text"/>
Contact (if applicable):	<input type="text"/>	Email Registrations:	<input type="text"/>
Phone Registrations:	<input type="text"/>	Other Information:	<input type="text"/>

Program Evaluation and CME Credits:

Describe how the Satellite Symposium will be evaluated and how the CME credits will be provided to participants. (Or check the box below.)

This Satellite Symposium will NOT offer CME credit.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROVIDER:

Designated Contact Name:

Mailing Address:

City	State
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code	Country
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Telephone:	Fax:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email:	
<input type="text"/>	

EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROVIDER:

Designated Contact Name:

Mailing Address:

City	State
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code	Country
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Telephone:	Fax:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email:	
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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Applications must be submitted in English.
- Submitters are strongly encouraged to read these guidelines prior to completing the application.
- Only complete applications will be reviewed. An application will be considered complete if all information requested on the Satellite Symposia Application is provided.
- No fees are required to submit an application.

All educational programs or social events sponsored or supported by any other organization and directed at the same audience over the official dates and times of ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting require prior written approval by ASCP.

- All correspondence as well as expenses and reimbursements, including meeting registrations and honoraria for program or presentation faculty and/or technicians demonstrating products and services are the sole responsibility of the applicant. ASCP is not responsible for any such expenses.
- Once a Satellite Symposium has been approved by ASCP, it cannot be modified or changed without written permission from ASCP. Requests for modification may be directed to Devon Cortright at devon.cortright@ascp.org.
- Violation of these guidelines may result in the cancellation of the Satellite Symposium.
- The ASCP will require non-CME Satellite Symposia to be clearly distinguished from ASCP CME. This distinction will be made through the ASCP's use of appropriate disclaimers in advertising and informational materials so that Annual
- Meeting attendees may easily ascertain that the applicable Satellite Symposia are not CME accredited. See Additional Guidelines for Satellite Symposia for more information on programs offering CME credit.

Participation Fees

Fees to offer Satellite Symposia at the ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting shall be due to the ASCP.

- For each Satellite Symposium, an agreement between ASCP and the symposium supporter must be signed by both parties.
- All signed agreements must be received by ASCP prior to October 15, 2026.

REVIEW PROCESS AND CRITERIA

All applications must be submitted via this form. Applications received in any format other than this proposal form will not be reviewed by ASCP.

Submission of an application does NOT guarantee its acceptance at ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting Strategic Planning Committee (AMSPC) will review and provide feedback to all proposal submissions in a timely manner but will not identify the individual reviewers. For all applications submitted by July 15, 2026, feedback will be available by September 1, 2026. Questions or other inquires may be directed to Devon Cortright at devon.cortright@ascp.org.

Applications for Satellite Symposia will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- Clear identification of learning outcomes derived from established needs
- Alignment with the overall Annual Meeting theme and topic areas
- Timeliness and broad interest to any/all of the three primary constituent audiences: pathologists, laboratory professionals, and pathology residents
- Value as core or standard knowledge/practice in pathology or laboratory medicine
- Accuracy of proposed title in representing the content being offered As appropriate, the attempt to include diverse faculty as proposed presenters (i.e., pathologists, laboratory professionals, residents, non-U.S.-based)
- As appropriate, inclusion of similarities and differences in clinical practice and laboratory medicine for U.S.-based versus non-U.S.-based professionals
- Speaking/presentation experience of the proposed faculty
- Content demonstrates scientific rigor and objectivity and is free of commercial bias for or against any product
- Overall quality, scientific merit, and balance with other Annual Meeting education

ASCP maintains pride and respect for the exemplary faculty at its Annual Meeting and sets high standards for those who participate in the Annual Meeting. All presentations must be made in English. ASCP also expects that faculty will be committed to:

- Creating engaging educational experiences for learners
- Encouraging interaction with and amongst learners
- Speaking at an appropriate level for the expected audience (i.e., novice, experienced)
- Staying on time and on task
- Using technology wisely
- Using clear verbal communication skills for accurately narrating, describing, hypothesizing and supporting an opinion in the chosen language of the educational presentation (i.e., English)
- Addressing physician competencies in education (i.e., patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning, interpersonal and communication skills for healthcare professionals, professionalism in carrying out one's practice, or use of the overall health care system and clinical team available for caring for patients. All signed agreements must be received by ASCP prior to September

Promotion

1. ASCP must review and approve all promotional materials produced in conjunction with the Satellite Symposia, including invitations, announcements, flyers, websites, and signs. The deadline to submit promotional materials for approval is September 1, 2026. Please allow up to five business days for ASCP to consider requests for approval.
2. ASCP will include Satellite Symposia in the preshow special event emails. All applications must be received by September 1, 2026, to be included.
3. It is acceptable to use the following language on promotional materials to describe the Satellite Symposia “An official educational opportunity held in conjunction with ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting”.
4. The ASCP logo may not be used on any promotion or other materials (including enduring materials) produced by companies other than ASCP.
5. Use of the ASCP name or copyrighted material on any announcement, sign, publication, or other material requires prior written approval by ASCP. Please submit requests to Nam Nguyen at Nam.Nguyen@ascp.org.
6. Because Satellite Symposia are not officially part of the ASCP Annual Meeting, companies cannot reference their symposium as part of ASCP's annual meeting or imply that it is an ASCP event.
7. As a promotional benefit to the companies hosting a Satellite Symposium, ASCP will provide the following:
 - Access to participant information to send out notifications for attendees to RSVP for the satellite symposium to gauge participation. Symposia organizations are encouraged to have processes in place to collect participant information.
 - A listing of each symposium, including narrative description, location, and contact information, in the Preshow special event emails;
 - One complimentary ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting attendee mailing list for one-time use only. The 2026 pre-registration attendee list and the ASCP membership list will also be available for purchase. ASCP pre-approval of all mailing pieces is required. Sample mailing pieces should be emailed along with the request form to the ASCP Marketing department. The deadline to submit your mailing piece for approval along with the mailing address list (no emails) request form is September 1, 2026.
8. ASCP will provide the organizers of Satellite Symposia the ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting pre-registration mailing list electronically, 4 weeks prior to the start of the meeting. Use of the ASCP mailing address list (no emails) is for one-time use to promote the Satellite Symposia only. **This will be closely monitored.**

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

Satellite symposia will be scheduled during morning, afternoon, or evening hours to not compete with other scheduled ASCP programs or social activities. Satellite Symposia may be designated for CME credit by Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) accredited providers, and provision of CME is highly encouraged, however programs may be presented without CME credit. All satellite symposia designated for CME credit will be subject to the CME Eligibility standards outlined below.

CME Standards and Practices

ASCP 2026 Annual Meeting is an educational activity offering CME credit. ASCP adheres to the ACCME Standards for Independence & Integrity in Continuing Education to ensure the independence of CME activities. As such, satellite symposia must comply with ACCME standards including objectivity and scientific rigor of program content, appropriate disclosure of commercial relationships and resolution of conflicts of interest, and activity evaluation. Circumstances create a conflict of interest when an individual has an opportunity to affect CME content about products or services of a ineligible company with which he/she has a relevant relationship. The conflict of interest depends on the situation and not on the character or actions of the individual. ACCME and ASCP define commercial interests as entities producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients (with the exemption of non-profit or government organizations and nonhealthy care related companies). Financial relationships are those relationships in which the individual or his/her spouse or partner benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest (excluding diversified mutual funds), or other financial benefit; these are usually associated with roles such as employment, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, advisory/review panel or board membership, etc. A relevant financial relationship is one that creates a conflict of interest, in any amount, occurring in the 12 months before the individual assumes a role controlling CME content.

CME Eligibility for Satellite Symposia

ASCP requires that CME Accredited Satellite Symposia:

- Undergo an application and selection process.
- Comply with ACCME Standards.

ASCP will sign a written agreement with third party CME providers. Written agreements will include consequences for non-compliance. Reviewers trained to recognize bias will also monitor Satellite Symposia content. To minimize the potential for bias in CME-accredited Satellite Symposia, ASCP will also require the symposia content to be evidence-based. A peer review of symposia content (slide presentations) will be requested in advance of the symposia. Presenters who disclose unmitigable conflicts will be prohibited from making practice recommendations. These presenters may present on general topics only (e.g., pathophysiology, research data). An additional presenter without unmitigable conflicts may be added to the program to make practice recommendations instead. ASCP will ensure that CME-accredited Satellite Symposia are clearly distinguished from ASCP CME accredited educational sessions in meeting programs and promotional materials. ASCP will also require third party organizers of CME-accredited Satellite Symposia to use appropriate disclaimers to distinguish the Satellite Symposia from ASCP CME-accredited educational sessions advertising and program materials. ASCP will not permit key society leaders to participate in CME accredited Satellite Symposia as faculty members, presenters, chairs, consultants, or in any other role besides that of an attendee who receives no honoraria or reimbursement.

Event Logistics and Registration

1. One person must be designated as the sole contact for your company. ASCP will work directly with that one person. It is the commercial supporter's responsibility to share all information included in these guidelines with the medical education company, if any, retained to manage the event.
2. No sales activities may take place, and no promotional materials may be displayed during the symposium.
3. Any additional audio/video taping capabilities that is beyond the webinar platform consul will be the responsibility of the symposium organizer.
4. A copy of all educational materials produced in conjunction with the satellite symposium should be submitted to ASCP for reference purposes. This includes syllabus materials, handouts, web sites and any CME - accredited enduring materials produced after the event.
5. Evaluations and awarding of continuing education credits are the responsibility of the satellite symposium organizer. A summary report of participant evaluations must be provided to ASCP by December 31, 2026.