

APF 2026 National Meeting

Program Schedule | October 16-17, 2026 | St. Pete Beach, Florida

Friday, October 16, 2026

Time	Session Title	Faculty	Location
7:00am-8:00am	Breakfast with Exhibitors Meal	N/A	Queen Palm
8:15am-8:30am	Welcome Welcome	APF Co-Presidents: Aaron Nichols, MHSA, FACMPE, COO, Arkana Laboratories Aaron Huber, DO, Pathologist, Billings Clinic	King Palm
8:30am-9:45am	Prepping the Future Pathologist in Laboratory Management Laboratory Management	Kelley Suskie, MHSA, FACMPE APF Immediate Past Co-President, Administrator at UT Health San Antonio	King Palm
9:45am-10:00am	Break with Exhibitors Break	N/A	N/A
10:00am-11:15am	Effective Feedback Strategies Leadership	Elizabeth Grasmuck, MD APF Board Member, Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Clinical Operations, Department of Pathology, Medical Director and Quality Officer, Laboratory/Pathology Service Line, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	King Palm
11:15am-12:30pm	The Do's and Dont's of a Pathology Malpractice Lawsuit Legal	John Baci Past APF Co-President, Senior Director, Foundation Financial Operations & Strategic Planning, Pathology Chief Operating Officer, Boston Children's Hospital Pathology Foundation, Inc. Michael F. Grady, Esq Partner, Wilson Elser	King Palm
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch with Exhibitors Meal	N/A	Queen Palm
1:30pm-2:45pm	Contemporary Issues in Revenue Cycle Management, Billing & Coding w/Q&A Billing & Coding	Robin Miller Zweifel, BS, MLS(ASCP) APF Coding Handbook Editor-in-Chief, Director, Coding Operations & Payor Strategy at Xifin, Inc.	King Palm
2:45pm-4:00pm	The Growing Trend of Laboratory Outsourcing: Financial, Operational, and Clinical Implications for Health Systems Contemporary Issues	Leah Militello, MD, MBA APF Board Member/Treasurer, Pathologist, Rochester Regional Medical Center	King Palm
4:00pm-5:15pm	The Outlook for Labs in 2027 Contemporary Issues	JonDavid Klipp Publisher, Laboratory Economics	King Palm
5:30pm-6:30pm	Cocktail Reception Reception	N/A	Coconut Palm Pavilion

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Time	Session Title	Faculty	Location
7:00am-8:00am	Breakfast with Exhibitors and Symposium Meal	N/A	Queen Palm
7:15am-7:45am	Sponsored by LigoLab: Billing Starts in the LIS: Finding Where Pathology Revenue Really Leaks. How a unified LIS and RCM platform closes the gaps between case and claim with automation and AI Breakfast Symposium	Jennifer Bull Success Director, LigoLab	Queen Palm
8:15am-8:30am	Morning Overview Welcome	APF Co-Presidents: Aaron Nichols, MHSA, FACMPE, COO, Arkana Laboratories Aaron Huber, DO, Pathologist, Billings Clinic	King Palm
8:30am-9:45am	Why Strong Practices Struggle - and What Actually Works Across Clinical and Academic Settings Leadership	Michael Dugan, MD Attending Physician Staff, UCI Health; President at MCDXI Medical Diagnostics Inc. Patty Sipes Managing Director, Alder Brooks	King Palm
9:45am-10:00am	Break with Exhibitors Break	N/A	Queen Palm
10:00am-11:15am	Navigating the Shifting Legislative and Regulatory Landscape in Pathology Practice Legal	Emily Johnson Healthcare Attorney at McDonald Hopkins Elizabeth Sullivan Healthcare Attorney at McDonald Hopkins	King Palm
11:15am-12:30pm	ICD-10 and AI Impact on Pathologist's Final Diagnosis Billing & Coding	Tiffani Bouchard, CCS, CRCR APF Coding Handbook Co-Editor, Revenue Integrity Professional	King Palm
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch with Exhibitors Meal	N/A	Queen Palm
1:30pm-2:45pm	Financial Valuation of a Pathology Practice: The Fundamental Issues Laboratory Management	Kirk Rebane Managing Director at Haverford Healthcare Advisors	King Palm
2:45pm-4:00pm	Decoding Denials: Navigating Payer Trends in Pathology Billing & Coding	Jeanette Gray, MBA VP, Revenue & Payer Relations with Pathology Associates of San Antonio & Pathology Reference Laboratory	King Palm
4:00pm-4:05pm	End of Meeting Wrap-Up	Staff	King Palm