

# Missouri Society of Pathologists



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## **Are you ready to shape the future of pathology in Missouri?**

*There has never been a better time to join the MSP!*

Dear Colleagues,

Your membership in the Missouri Society of Pathologists (MSP) is critical in supporting and shaping the practice of pathology in our state. Having only been reactivated last year, the MSP has already accomplished incredible tasks, including:

- Successfully preventing the implementation of four pieces of legislation unfavorable to the practice of pathology in Missouri
- Retained legal counsel on behalf of all Missouri pathologists to fight reimbursement denials by Cigna
- Partnered with CAP to mitigate Medicare payment reductions at the federal level
- Passed a resolution at the Missouri State Medical Association (MSMA) recognizing the work of all laboratory professionals during the pandemic
- Given back to our profession by providing scholarships to medical technology students
- Established our presence on social media, including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#)
- Arranging an annual meeting to be held in March 2022

These accomplishments are just the beginning and only part of the benefits to being a MSP member. The MSP also provides leadership opportunities to members, including service on our Board, as Section Chairs, participation in state advocacy efforts, and through CAP State Committee activities. In 2022, the MSP is planning an all-expense paid leadership retreat for MSP Officers, Board, and Section Chairs. Please contact me if you are interested in any one of these exciting and important roles.

Your MSP membership includes access to our growing network of professionals in Missouri which can be used to reach potential employers, expand your consultation practice, or to simply reach out to other colleagues across our state. The MSP has also grown our social media presence to aid our advocacy efforts. I encourage you to stay up to date and have your voice heard across Missouri, the MSMA, and the CAP by following the MSP on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

The MSP continues to give back to our profession by supporting education and research. A newly created MSP Foundation will take over management of the *William R. Bynum Education Fund* and continue to provide scholarships to Medical Technologist, Cytotechnologist, and Histotechnologist students. Also new this year is a Research Travel Grant for pathologists in-training in Missouri to present their research at our upcoming annual conference.

I urge you to join me in our efforts to make the MSP a leader in representing the interests of all Missouri pathologists and advocating for our profession. Irrespective of your practice setting, your practice of the profession you love is facing strong headwinds from organized medicine. Together we are stronger and have a better chance of succeeding.

I encourage you to join the MSP or renew your membership today. **As a special offer – the MSP will provide NEW members with one year of complimentary membership when you join before Valentine's Day!** If you are still not convinced, feel free to reach out to me or any one of the pathology leaders listed on this letterhead. I promise you your membership will be valued and help make our voice stronger.

**Are you ready to shape the future of our profession?**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chakshu Gupta".

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