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Join the Georgia Association of Pathology Today!

The Georgia Association of Pathology has recently re-formed and we invite you to become a part of our community for all Georgia pathologists. We are a non-profit professional association dedicated to advancing the science and practice of pathology in the state of Georgia. We are looking to build our membership to include pathologists from all practice settings across the state.

The Georgia Association of Pathology will strive to be voice for all pathologists in Georgia, and to serve as a professional forum for new research and developments in our specialty. Pathology is a unique discipline that deserves a unique organization in our state, and we hope that you will join us by getting involved today!

Having an organization dedicated to the practice of pathology in Georgia is especially vital in the present moment. As you may know, the Georgia legislature has recently entertained restrictions on out-of-network balance billing. This issue is likely to re-appear during the 2019 legislative session. The proposal likely to come before the Georgia Legislature would seek to tie out-of-network payment to either a percent of Medicare or in-network rates by health insurance payers. This kind of public policy will adversely impact every pathologist who practices in Georgia, regardless of employment, practice or compensation arrangement. These types of proposals are designed to tip market forces against physicians and in favor of the health insurance industry.

The Georgia Association of Pathology (GAP) and the College of American Pathologists (CAP) both support holding patients financially harmless from inadequate health insurance networks that we believe should never be approved by state regulators. The CAP's network adequacy declaration shows that pathologists are responsibly interested in protecting patients. Public policy that undercuts the healthcare delivery system by financially favoring health insurance payers over health care providers does not benefit our patients. This critical issue, in addition to new developments in the science and practice of pathology will be discussed at our Annual Scientific Meeting, to be held later this spring. Stay tuned for more details on this new conference!

We need your support here in Georgia as we begin 2019 to address this issue and other issues relevant to the practice of pathology in our state. Enclosed in this packet is a membership application to join the Georgia Association of Pathology and a letter detailing GAP's new Executive Office, managed by WJ Weiser & Associates. We hope that you will make the decision to join GAP today, and to get involved in establishing this organization to serve all Georgia pathologists.

We look forward to you being a part of the Georgia Association of Pathology, and to welcoming you into our community of professionals.

Sincerely,

Matthew R. Fries, MD, FCAP
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