



Ask A Pathologist



Pathologists are physicians and scientists who are experts in disease and illness, such as cancer. They use their expertise to support every aspect of health care, from making diagnoses to guiding doctors on the best way to treat common diseases.

Pathologists can sub-specialize in different areas, such as gastroenterology, gynecologic pathology, blood diseases, clotting disorders, microbiology, lung and breast cancers and more. For every sub-specialty in medicine or surgery, there is a pathologist counterpart, helping to make the correct diagnosis and guide the care of the patient. Pathologists work as part of a team to take care of patients.

As a guest speaker, a pathologist can –

- Explain disease processes in easy and understandable language
- Demonstrate disease processes with images and graphics
- Explain diagnostic terminology
- Decipher the pathology reports
- Represent their own professional opinions of issues discussed
- Direct wellness through correct diagnosis
- Work with others in team based care

**Pathologists can contribute to the conversation.
Consider asking a pathologist to join your
community discussion.**

*Note – During the discussion, the speaker cannot diagnose or treat a participant, advise participants in treatment decisions or represent the opinions of professional organizations.