

The Top 5 Pathology Myths

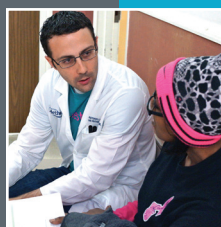
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Pathology is a mystery to the average clinician and general public. Because of the lack of exposure to our specialty, many rumors surround our field. Here we address the top 5 myths about pathology that couldn't be further from the truth.

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TRUTH

1 Don't Do Pathology



If people ask, "You are such a people person—why be a pathologist?" Know that with all the roles pathologists play we need to be good with people

2 The Job Market is Terrible



New-in-practice pathologists have described a perceived decrease in difficulty finding a pathology position over the last five years. In fact, the majority accepted jobs in their desired practice setting and were satisfied or very satisfied with their position.

3 Lack of Respect from Other Medical Specialties



Although this myth appears on blogs, in practice, it is the opposite. Any specialty that interacts with pathologists greatly values the role pathologists play in patient care.

4 The Only Thing Pathologists do are Autopsies



The truth is, autopsies are a small portion of an anatomic pathology residency. Residents in anatomic pathology must perform a certain number of autopsies to become board-certified. The field is so large you can choose how big an autopsy scope you want to have.

5 Artificial Intelligence is Taking Over Pathology



Artificial Intelligence will change the practice of pathology, as it will many specialties in medicine, but it will not render the pathologist obsolete.