

Global Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Consortium (GPALMC) Summit

**GLOBAL PATHOLOGY & LAB MEDICINE CONSORTIUM
(GPALMC)** IS BRINGING TOGETHER GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERS.

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NOVEMBER 13, 2026

NORTH CAMPUS RESEARCH COMPLEX (NCRC)
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Date & Location

Friday, November 13, 2026, 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM ET, North Campus Research Complex, 2800 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Target Audience

Specialties – Clinical Pathology, Anatomical Pathology subspecialties, Surgical Pathology subspecialties, General Surgery, Internal Medicine,

Professions – Medical Student, Other Healthcare Professional, Physician, Physician Resident, Physician Fellow

Overview

The GPALM Summit 2026 is an international gathering focused on advancing pathology and laboratory medicine through education, collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing. Bringing together pathologists, laboratory medicine professionals, researchers, educators, and healthcare partners from around the world, the summit aims to strengthen diagnostic capacity and promote equitable access to high-quality pathology services. Building on the success of the inaugural Global Pathology Summit in 2024, the 2026 summit will provide a platform for experts to exchange knowledge, discuss emerging developments and challenges in the field, and develop meaningful international partnerships that can improve patient care and laboratory systems globally.

Accreditation Statement: The University of Michigan Medical School is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation Statement: The University of Michigan Medical School designates this Live Activity for a maximum of 5.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™.

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Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to:

1. Explain the role of pathology and laboratory medicine in advancing global health equity and strengthening health systems.
2. Assess challenges and opportunities affecting diagnostic and laboratory capacity across diverse global settings.
3. Evaluate how digital pathology and artificial intelligence may expand equitable access to diagnostic expertise.
4. Identify strategies for building reciprocal, locally responsive, and sustainable international partnerships in pathology education and practice.
5. Develop opportunities for cross-institutional collaboration through communities of practice in global pathology and laboratory medicine.

SUMMIT PROGRAM

Friday, November 13
University of Michigan Medicine, Department of Pathology

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks Charles Parkos, MD PHD
8:15 AM– 8:30 AM	Global Health, Center for Global Health Equity (CGHE) Remarks Akbar Waljee, MD
8:30 AM–9:00 AM	What is ‘Impact’ in Global Health? Joe Kolars, MD
9:00 AM–9:45 AM	Mass Casualty Response: Operational Threats and Vulnerabilities in an Era of Hybrid Warfare Eveline Hitti, MD
9:45 AM–10:00 AM	Q&A
10:00 AM– 10:30 AM Coffee Break	
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Community of Practice– The Global Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Consortium (GPALMC) Rouba Ali-Fehmi, MD
11:00 AM –12:00 PM	Community of Practice– Digital Pathology, AI & Global Diagnostic Capacity Introduction: Priscilla Njenga, MMed, MBChB (11:00 – 11:10 AM) Panel Disuccsion: Moderator: Ulysses Balis, MD Panelists: Omar Baba, MD, Riyadh El-Khoury, PhD, Rajendrah Singh, MD, MBBS, Rand Abou Shaar, MD, Ila Singh, MD, PhD
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Networking Session + Lunch
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Poster Presentations

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1:00 PM–2:00 PM	Community of Practice–Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Introduction: Lee Schroeder, MD, PhD (1:00 – 1:10 PM) Panel Discussion: Moderator: Lee Schroeder, MD, PhD Panelist: Ernest Kenu, MD , PhD, Tim Amukele, MD, PhD, Alex Ofori, MD, Manal Mahdy, MD
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Community of Practice: Global Pathology Education Through Reciprocal Partnerships Introduction: Kamran Mirza, MBBS, PhD (2:00 – 2:10 PM) Panel Discussion: Moderator: Kamran Mirza, MBBS, PhD Panelist : Ghazi Zaatari, MD , Ernest Adjei, MD, Salwa Makki, MD, Lewis Hassel, MD
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	GPALM Consortium, What's next! Rouba Ali-Fehmi, MD Group pictures & Closing Remarks & Adjournment – Lab Tour

Please contact gpalm.michigan@gmail.com for any registration questions!



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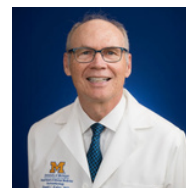
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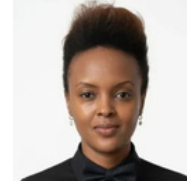
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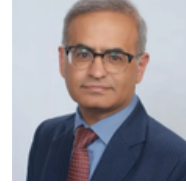
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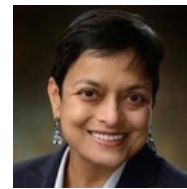
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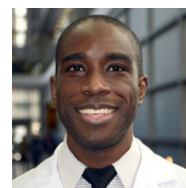
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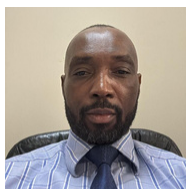
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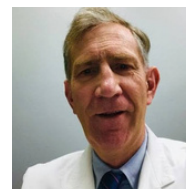
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