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GPALM Summit 2026

Department of Pathology
University of Michigan Medical School

Friday, November 13, 2026
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

North Campus Research Complex
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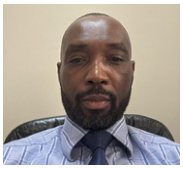
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Summit Program Activity Director: Rouba Ali-Fehmi, MD

8:00 AM	**Welcome & Opening Remarks** Charles Parkos, MD, PhD
8:05 AM	**Global Health, Center for Global Health Equity (CGHE) Remarks** Akbar Waljee, MD
8:15 AM–8:45 AM	**What is 'Impact' in Global Health?** Joe Kolars, MD
8:45 AM – 9:30 AM	**Mass Casualty Response: Operational Threats and Vulnerabilities in an Era of Hybrid Warfare** Eveline Hitti, MD
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	**Community of Practice: The Global Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (GPALM) program** Rouba Ali-Fehmi, MD **Awards:** • **GPALM Partnership Award:** Rajendra Singh, MD, MBBS • **GPALM Lectureship Award:** Scott Bresler, MD, PhD; Stephanie Skala, MD; David Chapel, MD
10:15 AM – 10:45 | AM Coffee Break + Group Picture	
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	**Community of Practice: Digital Pathology, AI & Global Diagnostic Capacity** **Introduction:** Priscilla Njenga, MMed, MBChB **(10:45 - 11:10 AM)** **Panel Discussion: (11:10 AM - 12:00 PM)** **Moderator:** Ulysses Balis, MD **Panelists:** Omar Baba, MD; Riyad El-Khoury, PhD; Rajendra Singh, MD, MBBS; Manal El-Mahdy, MD, PhD, Priscilla Njenga, MMed, MBChB
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Networking Session + Lunch + Poster Presentations Superior Room (Building 35 Room 1451)	
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: (1:10 PM - 2:00 PM)** **Moderator:** Lee Schroeder, MD, PhD **Panelists:** Ernest Kenu, MD, PhD; Tim Amukele, MD, PhD; Alex Owusu-Ofori, PhD;
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: (2:10 PM - 3:00 PM)** **Moderator:** Kamran Mirza, MBBS, PhD **Panelists:** 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 **Closing Remarks & Adjournment - Lab Tour**

Speakers

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Chair, Department of Pathology, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Ghana



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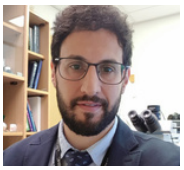
Tim Amukele, MD, PhD
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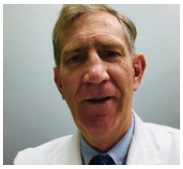
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Ernest Kenu, MD, PhD
Professor of Epidemiology, University of Ghana



Joe Kolars, MD
Senior Advisor & Founding Director, Center for Global Health Equity; Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan Medical School



Manal El-Mahdy, MD, PhD
Professor of Pathology, Head of Anatomic Pathology Department, Ain Shams University



Salwa Makki, MD
Associate Professor of Pathology, Al Neelain University, Sudan



Kamran Mirza, MBBS, PhD
Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology Education; Assistant Chair for Education, University of Michigan Medical School



Priscilla Njenga, MMed, MBChB
Senior Instructor of Pathology, Aga Khan University; Pathologist, Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi



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Lee Schroeder, MD, PhD
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Akbar Waljee, MD
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Ghazi Zaatari, MD
Professor & Chair, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, American University of Beirut

AWARDEES

Partnership Award



Rajendra Singh, MBBS, MD
Co-Founder, PathPresenter
Professor of Pathology & Lab Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Lectureship Award



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Clinical Associate Professor, Dermatopathology, University of Michigan Medical School



Stephanie Skala, MD
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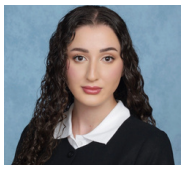
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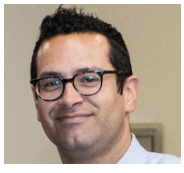
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Target Audience
Specialties - Clinical Pathology, Anatomical Pathology subspecialties, Surgical Pathology subspecialties, General Surgery, Internal Medicine
Professions - Physician, Physician Fellow, Physician Resident, Medical Student, Other Healthcare Professionals

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.
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Objectives
At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to:
- Explain the role of pathology and laboratory medicine in advancing global health equity and strengthening health systems.
- Assess challenges and opportunities affecting diagnostic and laboratory capacity across diverse global settings.
- Evaluate how digital pathology and artificial intelligence may expand equitable access to diagnostic expertise.
- Identify strategies for building reciprocal, locally responsive, and sustainable international partnerships in pathology education and practice.
- Develop opportunities for cross-institutional collaboration through communities of practice in global pathology and laboratory medicine.

About GPALM

Global Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

WHAT WE DO

The Global Pathology & Laboratory Medicine (GPALM) Program at Michigan Medicine is dedicated to advancing pathology and laboratory services worldwide—especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)—through education, research, and collaborative partnerships.

OUR MISSION & VISION

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Advance pathology education

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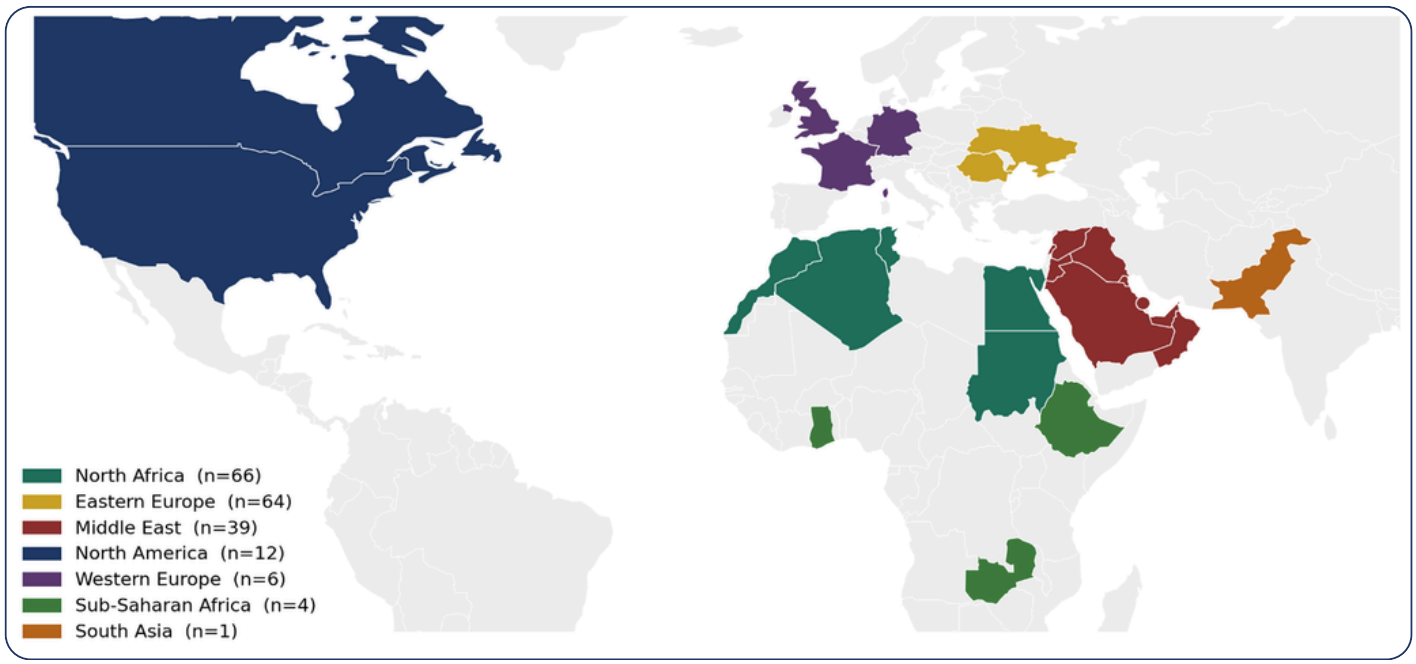
Extramural research with LMIC partners

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Strengthen pathology and diagnostic services in LMIC

OUR GLOBAL REACH

192	24	7
unique participants	countries	regions



GPALM participants by region

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A special thanks to the faculty of the GPALM Lectureship Series, for their dedication to global pathology education.

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Breast · **Clinical** · **Cytopathology** · **Dermatopathology** · **Digital** · **Endocrine** · **Gastrointestinal** · **Genitourinary** · **Gynecologic** · **Hematopathology** · **Lung** · **Molecular** · **Neuro** · **Ophthalmic** · **Placental** · **Soft Tissue**

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