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Global Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

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
2800 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor, MI · Building 32 Auditorium 1501

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Friday, November 13th

Summit Progam 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 – 10:00 | AM Coffee Break + Group Picture	
10:00 AM – 10:45 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
10:45 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; Riyadh El-Khoury, PhD; Rajendra Singh, MD, MBBS; Rand Abou Shaar, MD; Ila Singh, MD, PhD
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; Manal El-Mahdy, MD, 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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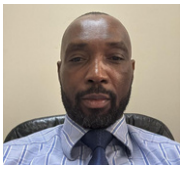
Rand Abou Shaar, MD
Pathologist, Molecular Genetic Pathology, Cleveland Clinic



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Professor, Breast and Gyn Pathology, Director of Breast Pathology, Director of GPALM, University of Michigan Medical School

Tim Amukele, MD, PhD
Associate Professor of Pathology & Immunology, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

Omar Baba, MD
Pathologist / Digital Pathology & AI Specialist Henry Ford Hospital

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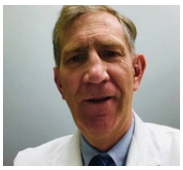

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Senior Advisor & Founding Director, Center for Global Health Equity; Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan Medical School

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

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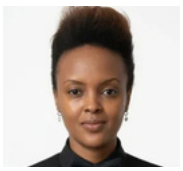

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AWARDEES

Partnership Award

Rajendra Singh, MBBS, MD
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Lectureship Award

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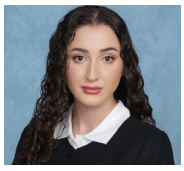

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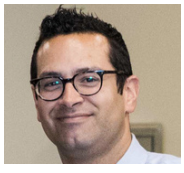

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Target Audience
Specialties - Clinical Pathology, Anatomical Pathology subspecialties, Surgical Pathology subspecialties, General Surgery, Internal Medicine
Professions - Physician, Physician Fellow, Physician Resident, Medical Student, Other Healthcare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

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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.

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