



North Carolina Society of Histotechnology

2026 Annual Meeting | March 12 - 14, 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton, 4810 Page Creek Lane, Durham, NC 27707

THURSDAY 5:00 - 7:00pm REGISTRATION OPENS / VENDOR SETUP

KEYNOTE ADDRESS | 6:00 - 7:00pm CAMELLIA

NSH Advocacy: Advancing the Profession Updates - presented by Elizabeth Chlipala, BS, HTL^(ASCP) QIHC & Michelle Bell, HT^(ASCP) QIHC

FRIDAY *7:00am - 5:00pm REGISTRATION*

Grand Ballroom | 7:00 - 9:00am | Breakfast with Vendors - Continental breakfast provided

CAMELLIA | 8:00- 9:30am (1.5hrs) Breaking the Acid Habit: Smarter Bone Decalcification with EDTA – Michelle Bell, HT^(ASCP) QIHC

OAK | 8:00- 9:30am (1.5hrs) Digital Pathology: The New Frontier – Kathryn R. Perkinson, BS, HTL^(ASCP)

DOGWOOD | 8:30 - 9:30am (1.0hr) Submucosal Collagen Thinning in Interstitial Cystitis/ Bladder Pain Syndrome: Sharing Tools for FFPE Tissue Collagen Architecture Analysis – Hannah Ruetten

CAMELLIA | 9:30am - 11:00am (1.5hrs) The Leadership Mindset: From "Doer" to Leader – Michelle Bell, HT^(ASCP) QIHC

OAK | 9:30 - 10:30am (1.0hr) The Role of Biomarker Testing in Clinical Decision-Making – Bertha Peralta, MBA

DOGWOOD | 9:30-10:30am (1.0hr) From Produce Aisle Staples to Laboratory Heroes: Humble Crudites Vanquish Decalcification End-Point Testing Bogeyman in Epic Training Exercise – Linda P. Culpepper, BA, MA, HT/HTL^{(ASCP)cm} QIHC^{cm}

Grand Ballroom | 10:30 - 11:00am Break with Vendors

CAMELLIA | 11:00am - 12:00pm (1.0hr) Molecular for the Histology Laboratory – Diane Sterchi, MS, HT/HTL^(ASCP)

OAK | 11:00am - 12:00pm (1.0hr) Slides, Stains, and Signals: Histologic Insights into Muscular Dystrophy – Steven Westra

DOGWOOD | 11:00am - 12:00pm (1.0hr) Beyond the Slide: Unsectioned Science for Advancing Histotechnology in Regenerative Medicine – Kristina Stumpf

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN: 12:00 - 1:30pm

CAMELLIA | 1:30 - 3:30pm (3.0hrs total) (cont'd) QIHC Prep Course – Elizabeth Chlipala, BS, HTL^(ASCP), QIHC

OAK | 1:30 - 2:30pm (1.0hr) An Overview of AI for Pathology – David Cunefare, PhD

DOGWOOD | 1:30 - 2:30pm (1.0hr) Transforming Pathology Workflows: The Power of Automated Sample Management & Archiving Solutions – Autumn Papania

OAK | 2:30 - 3:30pm (1.0hr) The Names of the Stains Revisited, Jean Mitchell, BS, HT^(ASCP)

DOGWOOD | 2:30 - 3:30pm (1.0hr) Lean Histology Laboratory: The Huddle Board – Jennifer Bower, HTL^(ASCP) QIHC, LSSBB

Grand Ballroom | 3:30 - 4:00pm BREAK with Vendors

CAMELLIA | 4:00 - 5:00pm (cont'd) QIHC Prep Course – Elizabeth Chlipala, BS, HTL^(ASCP), QIHC

OAK | 4:00 - 5:00pm (1.0hr) Amyloidosis and CAP guidelines – Dr. F. Zahra Aly, MD PhD

DOGWOOD | 4:00 - 5:00pm (1.0hr) Promoting Histology for the Next Generation – Cindy Zimmerman

Grand Ballroom | 5:00 - 6:00pm BREAK with Vendors

FRIDAY - CAMELLIA | 6:00 - 9:00pm WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION - Featuring Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Live Music



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SATURDAY *7:00 - 9:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/ 7:00 - 3:00pm REGISTRATION

<p>CAMELLIA 8:00 - 10:00am (6hrs total) (cont'd) HT/HTL Readiness Course – Diane Sterchi, MS, HT/HTL^(ASCP) & Elizabeth Chlipala, BS, HTL^(ASCP) QIHC</p>	<p>OAK 8:00 - 9:00am (1.0hr) Gastrointestinal and liver pathology - critical histology considerations and interesting case examples – Dr. Avani Pendse, MD, PhD</p>	<p>DOGWOOD 8:00- 10:00am (3hrs total) Basic Immunohistochemistry: A Practical Experience – Kimya Jones, MS HT^(ASCP) QIHC</p>
<p>Grand Ballroom 10:00 - 11:00am BREAK with Vendors 10:15 am - Vendor Raffle</p>		
<p>CAMELLIA 11:00 - 12:00pm (cont'd) HT/HTL Readiness Course – Diane Sterchi, MS, HT/HTL^(ASCP) & Elizabeth Chlipala, BS, HTL^(ASCP) QIHC</p>	<p>OAK 11:00 - 12:00pm (4 hrs total) (cont'd) Differentiating Mohs Process vs Routine Histology – Wendy McGavock, MLT^(ASCP) & Amanda Whaley, MLT^(ASCP)</p>	<p>DOGWOOD 11:00 - 12:00pm (cont'd) Basic Immunohistochemistry: A Practical Experience – Kimya Jones, MS HT^(ASCP) QIHC</p>
<p>MAGNOLIA 12:00 - 2:00pm AWARDS LUNCHEON ELECTIONS BUSINESS MEETING</p>		
<p>CAMELLIA 2:00 - 3:00pm (cont'd) HT/HTL Readiness Course – Diane Sterchi, MS, HT/HTL^(ASCP) & Elizabeth Chlipala, BS, HTL^(ASCP) QIHC</p>	<p>OAK 2:00 - 3:00pm (cont'd) Differentiating Mohs Process vs Routine Histology – Wendy McGavock, MLT^(ASCP) & Amanda Whaley, MLT^(ASCP)</p>	<p>DOGWOOD 2:00 - 3:00pm (1.0hr) Contributions of Histology to Renal Pathology – Dr. David N. Howell, MD, PhD</p>
<p>*BREAK: 3:00 - 3:15pm*</p>		
<p>CAMELLIA 3:15 - 5:15pm HT/HTL Readiness Course – Diane Sterchi, MS, HT/HTL^(ASCP) & Elizabeth Chlipala, BS, HTL^(ASCP) QIHC</p>	<p>OAK 3:15 - 5:15pm Differentiating Mohs Process vs Routine Histology – Wendy McGavock, MLT^(ASCP) & Amanda Whaley, MLT^(ASCP)</p>	<p>DOGWOOD 3:15 - 4:15pm (1.0hr) Histology in Dermatopathology - Role of Ancillary Studies for Dermatopathology Diagnosis – Dr. Jennifer Crimmins, MD</p> <p>DOGWOOD 4:15 - 5:15pm (1.0hr) What Makes a Great H&E? – Tonia Crook BS, BM, HT^(ASCP)</p>

Registration is available on the website at [North Carolina Society of Histotechnology | Education Programs](https://www.ncshistotech.org/education-programs) Payment can be made on the website using AffinitiPay and you will get a receipt. **The meeting is all inclusive: Annual Membership Fee, Registration, Workshops, Vendor Hall, Wine & Cheese Reception, Awards Luncheon/Business Meeting.**

Attendees - 2 days - \$280, 1 day - \$150, ½ day - \$80

Students - (with student ID or other proof) – 2 days - \$100, 1 day - \$60

Vendor Only Pass - includes Vendor Hall and Membership only - \$100 per day