



**ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR
DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY SLIDE SEMINAR CASES
69th AAVLD Annual Meeting 2026**



Anatomic and clinical trainees and pathologists are invited to submit cases for the Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar at the 2026 AAVLD meeting. Necropsy, surgical pathology, or cytology cases that present a diagnostic challenge, represent an emerging disease, or exemplify a classic condition are solicited.

Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar Award

All trainees (veterinary undergraduate or graduate students, pathology residents, others) will be eligible to compete for the 2026 Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar Award. This award will be given to the top three presentations and comes with a monetary value of \$300, \$200, and \$100 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively.

Abstracts:

Abstract submission will take place via the ScholarOne online platform used for abstract submission to the general AAVLD meeting. The platform will open for submissions on **June 1st** and will close on **July 14th**, and can be accessed at: <https://aavld2026.abstractcentral.com/>. All abstracts should be received by **July 14th, 2025, at 11:59 pm EST**. When submitting an abstract, after beginning the "Create New Submission" process, please choose the "Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar Abstract Submission" and please make sure to indicate if you are a trainee (yes/no button). Abstracts from trainees selected for presentation will automatically be considered for the Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar Award.

Trainees will be given priority during the selection process. Experienced pathologists may also submit abstracts but will be considered only after trainees. All abstracts received prior to July 14th will be given consideration for inclusion in the seminar. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstracts by no later than **August 3rd, 2026**.

Presentations:

Accepted abstracts will be allotted 6 minutes for presentation and another 3 minutes for questions. Presenters of necropsy, surgical pathology, and cytology cases will supply **one** representative glass slide of their case. The glass slide should be submitted to **Dr. Tuddow Thaiwong by August 21, 2026** at the address below to allow for scanning and review by attendees prior to the conference. Glass slides will not be returned to the submitter.

The diagnostic slide seminar has moved to a digital format. Scanned slides will be available through the Davis-Thompson Foundation prior to the conference. Past and upcoming seminar slides can be viewed at: <https://davisthompsonfoundation.org/available-slide-conferences/>

Conference Coordinators:

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