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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Summer has arrived and with it the unholy trio of bugs, humidity, and heat, at least here in the Southeast. As I write, I am watching my wife Jean prune the mass of vegetation that has grown on our back fence. Watch out for those chigger mites, dear!

This season's Newsletter features a new theme: Member Spotlight, which we would like to continue. Any volunteers or suggestions for subjects out there? If so, please contact the SPP Office at info@spponline.org. For this particular issue, our President Chandra Krishnan was chosen, so there is no Presidential letter. He assures me that there is not much happening to share at the moment and that there will be more news following the Fall meeting, which will be held in Columbus. If you would like to attend, there are links to that meeting and to the upcoming Paediatric Pathology Society meeting below. I encourage you to consider one or both of them.

Also to be accessed is the Perinatal Course, to be held in August 20th - 22nd. This is an online course, and I must say our Society's online training has been excellent. Although I may be attending weeks later, I have used these as my "go-to" source of continuing medical education, and it has been very rewarding in content and expertise.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Chandra Krishnan

Years in Practice: 16

Institution Affiliation:

University of Texas - Dell Medical School

Length of Membership in SPP: 20 Years

Areas of Interest in Pathology/Pediatric Pathology:

Pediatric lymph nodes, soft tissue tumors, CNS tumors and digital pathology operations

What is Your Reason for Choosing Pediatric Pathology?

Pediatric pathology was an unexpected discovery for me. As I mentioned in my President's Speech in Philadelphia, I was somewhat of a wandering soul when choosing a residency. Through the guidance of a medical school mentor and a formative experience with Drs. Paul Dickman and David Carpentieri at Phoenix Children's Hospital, I was introduced to both pathology and pediatric pathology. That fortunate coincidence ultimately led to a deeply fulfilling and rewarding career.

What Message Would You Give to Interested Trainees?

I always emphasize to prospective trainees the broad applicability of pediatric pathology, whether they pursue academic or non-academic careers. As a member of a large private practice, I use my pediatric pathology expertise in a variety of settings beyond the children's hospital. There is also strong demand for those in clinical and laboratory medicine in both pediatric and adult hospitals that care for children. The idea that pediatric pathology limits trainees to a narrow career path is one I hope will be left behind.

What are the Benefits of SPP Membership that You Enjoy?

I would say the most valuable benefit I enjoy with SPP membership is the opportunity to participate in the society and ensure pediatric pathology has a voice in the greater pathology discussion. The opportunity to engage and establish relationships with like-minded pediatric pathologists is another important benefit. I think SPP has made a concerted effort to look within and try to meet our members where they need us, so the changes to the meeting cadence to include USCAP participation has allowed me to gain the most I can when taking time off to attend.



In conversation with Aliya Husain, I learned that Stockers Aspen Conference on Pediatric Disease will not be held this year but that the 40th meeting will take place next year, August 2nd -6th, 2027, somewhere in the Aspen-Snowmass area. Mark your calendar!

Finally, I take this "bully pulpit" (in President Theodore Roosevelt's words) to once again advocate for our journal Pediatric and Developmental Pathology. As I skim the pages below, I note the challenges that the journal faced 25 years ago and that our recently departed member Carlos Abramowsky often used it to publish his own articles. Please, please consider PDP first when you choose a publishing platform for your pediatric articles. Your journal needs them, and our membership needs them to be there.



David Parham, MD
Newsletter Editor



Have an Idea for SPP's Executive Committee?

Have an Idea, Suggestion or Question for Our Society? Submit an idea or request directly to SPP's Executive Committee. They will review at their next meeting and get back!

[Submit Your Form Here](#)

SPP MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The SPP Mentorship Program is open! This program connects mentors with specific expertise to mentees seeking guidance. The goal is to foster meaningful mentor/mentee relationships within a framework that provides both structure and flexibility to meet the needs of each pair. Through this program, mentees receive valuable advice to enhance their skills, improve their career prospects, and expand their professional networks beyond their institutions. Questions? Reach out to info@spponline.org.

Benefits FOR MENTORS

- Strengthening Leadership and Teaching Skills
- Expanding Professional Networks
- Giving back and Legacy-building
- Cultivating Lifelong Learning

[For Mentors, Review Our Guidelines Here.](#)

Benefits FOR MENTEES

- Professional Growth and Development
- Career Path Guidance
- Expanding Professional Connections
- Improving Specific Skills and Overall Confidence
- Improved Patient Care

[For Mentees, Review Our Guidelines Here.](#)

Interested?
APPLY HERE TODAY!

[Mentor Registration](#)

[Mentee Registration](#)

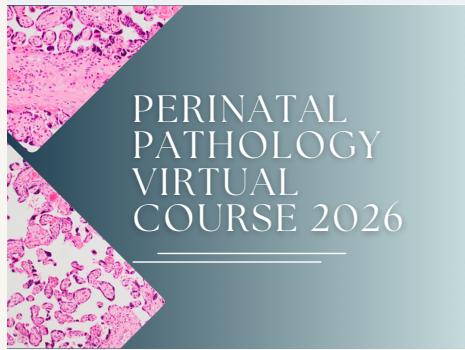
SPP 25 YEARS AGO

Summer 2001 Newsletter

President Ron Jaffe reported that Miguel Reyes-Mugica had assumed the editorship of Pediatric and Developmental Pathology, replacing Denis Benjamin. In poetic style, Ron thanked Denis for keeping a sailor's grip on the tiller of the journal through the choppy waters of changing publishers. Ron also noted Denis's pithy, often contrarian editorials that boasted a clear punch line and droll humor. On the dark side, Ron bemoaned shrinking journal submissions, loss of willing expert reviewers, losses to journals with a higher impact factor, and loss of willing reviewers. Impact factor was cited as one reason for loss of manuscripts, but in Ron's words, where should a pediatric pathology article be published if not in a pediatric pathology journal?

Ron also bemoaned a shrinking active SPP membership, loss of active fellowship programs, and merger of pediatric laboratories into larger academic centers. Ron finished with a call for more political and corporate activity by pediatric pathologists as a recipe for enhancing our discipline's standing. He also called for more visibility to medical students and pathology residents, in order to strengthen our fellowship rolls.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



PERINATAL COURSE

August 20th - 22nd

Join us online from August 20th - 22nd as we explore practical topics in Perinatal Autopsy, Placental Pathology, and current advances in the field. We look forward to seeing you there! Please visit the SPP website for further details. Registration includes access to the live webinar and recordings.

[View the Agenda](#)

[Register Now](#)



SPP FALL ANNUAL MEETING

October 14th - 18th
Renaissance Columbus Downtown
Hotel Columbus, Ohio

- Pediatric Symposium: Artificial Intelligence Applications in AP & CP: The Pediatric Pathology Perspective
- Perinatal Symposium: Pathology Within the Obstetric Medical Malpractice Canon

Also featuring poster and platform research presentations, Farber Landing Lecture, Friday Night Banquet, and more! Registration to open in June.

[View the Program](#)



PPS MEETING

September 17th - 19th
Sheffield - United Kingdom

The Paediatric Pathology Society (PPS) invites you to its 2026 meeting in Sheffield, UK, September 17-19. Join colleagues and renowned speakers from around the world for professional development, knowledge sharing, and the latest advances in paediatric and perinatal pathology.

View the webpage for details and registration information

[Register Today](#)

SPP SLIDE SURVEY PROGRAM

Case Submission

Submit your pathology case details, special studies, and contact information for the Society for Pediatric Pathology (SPP) Slide Survey Online. As one of the SPP's core educational offerings, the annual Slide Survey Online relies on case submissions to strengthen its case library. Cases from all contributors are welcome.

Note: Submitted materials must be de-identified and should not include any unique patient identifiers such as patient name, medical record number, or date of birth. All material will be retained by SPP, and will not be returned to the submitting pathologist unless specifically requested. Diagnostic imaging, gross images, electron microscopic images, and other electronic file submissions are encouraged.

[Submit A Case](#)

THE STORY BEHIND THE SPP LOGO

"I remember designing the logo as I sat on my couch at home, cutting out each of the leaves of the tree and placing them on the original mock-up for the printer."
— **Art Weinberg, MD**



For more than 40 years, the Society for Pediatric Pathology (SPP) logo has served as a lasting symbol of the organization, appearing on publications, awards, and official materials. Created by Dr. Arthur G. Weinberg in the mid-1980s and approved by then-President Dr. Blaise Favara, the logo was first introduced on Society stationery and in the August 1986 newsletter as part of an effort to establish a unified visual identity.

Rich in symbolism, the logo features a growing tree representing children, growth, and the advancement of pediatric pathology, nourished by a lamp of knowledge symbolizing research and education. A microscope and laboratory flask reflect the morphologic and laboratory sciences central to the field, while the year 1965 honors the founding of the Pediatric Pathology Club, the predecessor to today's Society for Pediatric Pathology. Today, the logo remains a meaningful emblem of the Society's history, mission, and enduring commitment to excellence, connecting generations of pediatric pathologists through Dr. Weinberg's timeless design.

Sincerely,

Art Weinberg, MD
Former SPP President and Newsletter Editor

THE OBITUARY OF CARLOS ABRAMOWSKY

1942 - 2026

Carlos Abramowsky, MD, passed away on February 10th, 2026, at the age of 83. Born in Panama City, Panama, on November 16th, 1942, to Leopold Abramowsky and Gladys Schaw, he earned his medical degree from the University of Panama in 1968 before completing residency and fellowship training in pediatric pathology at Boston University and Duke University.

Dr. Abramowsky enjoyed a distinguished career at Emory University and Egleston Children's Hospital in Atlanta, where he became a respected leader in

Hospital in Atlanta, where he became a respected leader in pediatric pathology. He authored or coauthored more than 100 scientific publications spanning placental, perinatal, and organ-based pathology, with 20 articles published in *Pediatric Developmental Pathology* or its predecessor.

Following retirement, Carlos and his wife, Lisa, made their home in Durham, North Carolina, where they enjoyed the symphony, opera, walks in local parks, and time with family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Goldman;

his children, Mark Abramowsky, Gretel Guest (Greg), Ariela Eisenbach (Yoni), Michael Abramowsky (Shulamis), Andrea Fishman, and Eric Fishman (Jennifer); and 12 beloved grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Duke Cancer Institute, the American Heart Association, Blood Cancer United, or a charity of your choice.

[Link to
Online Obituary](#)