



# ANATOMIC PATHOLOGIST

## What do I do?

I am a physician who specializes in the diagnostic interpretation of organs and tissues (including blood) through a variety of macroscopic, microscopic, and molecular methods. I am a key member of the multidisciplinary patient care team, and provide crucial diagnostic, prognostic and predictive information that is needed for the treatment of their patients. Anatomic pathologists are also the directors of Anatomic Pathology laboratories, providing oversight and leadership for the daily operations of the entire laboratory team.

## My typical day includes:

- » Examination of patient specimens (whole organs and tissues) and microscopic slides made from those tissues in order to make diagnoses that guide patient care.
- » Interpretation of specialized testing performed on patient samples in order to **provide prognostic and predictive information that guides the treatment of their patients.**
- » Works with the multidisciplinary team (oncologists, surgeons, internists, subspecialists, nurses, etc) to provide **coordinated care for their patients.**
- » Provides leadership and direction of medical **laboratories.**
- » **Guides other physicians** on best practices for test ordering and interpretation.

## Subdisciplines of Anatomic Pathology include:



### SURGICAL PATHOLOGY

the evaluation of solid tissue specimens from biopsies and surgical procedures course of the day.



### AUTOPSY PATHOLOGY

examination of a body post-mortem and processes.



### CYTOPATHOLOGY

the evaluation of cells that are exfoliated from the surface of tissues or extracted with a needle.

## Salary

Average Salary\*: ~\$300,000 Annually

## Certification

Boarded by the American Board of Pathology (ABP)

## Education Requirements

- College – 4 Years
- Medical School – 4 Years
- Pathology residency – 3-4 Years
- Pathology Fellowship (optional) – 1-2 Years

\* Salaries are based on a national average and will vary by location and years of service and other factors.