

# 2023 ASMH Annual Meeting

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### Saturday, May 6

**10:00 - 11:00 am • ASMH Business Meeting (members only)** ASMH members are encouraged to attend the annual membership Business Meeting. This important meeting brings members up-to-date on issues of significance.

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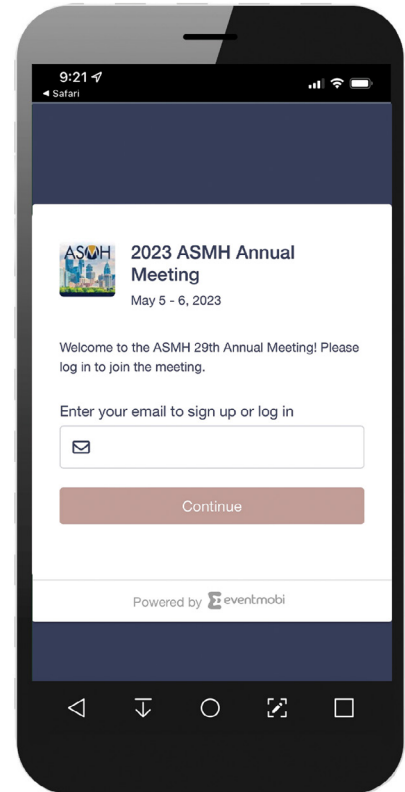
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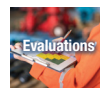
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## Welcome Messages

### Welcome from the President



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome you to our 29th Annual Meeting virtually! I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members, as well as our returning members.

I would like to acknowledge our Program Committee Chair, Zipporah A. Cassidy and the Program Committee for their outstanding work on the Program this year. The Program Committee has

worked hard to once again provide an outstanding and comprehensive program which appeals to all levels of Mohs technical experience. My sincere thanks to Emily Knippel, our Executive Director, and the rest of the staff at Executive Director Inc., whose extensive planning and organizing will make this Annual Meeting an event to remember.

In addition to the educational knowledge and technical experience we take away from these conferences, we will be able to network and connect with one another. Please be sure to attend the virtual Business Meeting on Saturday for the year in review.

It is an exciting time to continue to be a member of the ASMH. The in-person Mohs Technician Training Program has a training opportunity June 22-23 at Mercedes Scientific in Lakewood Ranch, FL. This is exciting news as we look to continue growing our Mohs Technician Training Program in conjunction with our educational industry partners.

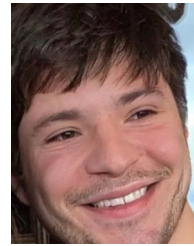
It has been a pleasure and honor being your President, and I appreciate our members' dedication to growing our organization.

Enjoy the meeting!

Sincerely,

Lindsey E. Riggs, HTL  
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### Welcome from the Program Chairs



Welcome to the ASMH 29th Annual Meeting. We would like to extend a warm virtual welcome to all the new members, first-time attendees and guests. To our returning members, welcome! We are so happy and excited about the 2023 meeting.

We have a full schedule of workshops and presentations to help further your education as Mohs histology professionals. Please feel free to ask questions and remember to complete the feedback surveys, as they will help our Program Committee in planning for next year's meeting.

Enjoy the meeting!

Zipporah A. Cassidy, Chair  
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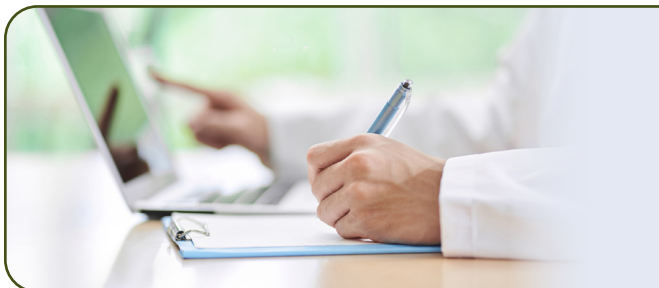
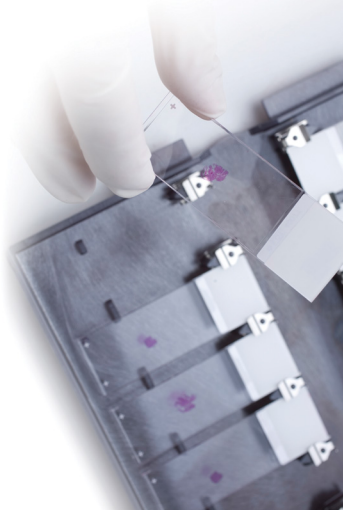
**Thursday, June 22 - Friday, June 23, 2023**

**Thursday, September 28 - Friday, September 29, 2023**

The ASMH offers customized, hands-on training sessions through its Advanced Mohs Technician Training Program. This on-site training will include lecture and hands-on training on topics such as mapping and inking, embedding, staining, cryosectioning, CLIA regulations, troubleshooting, and more. This program is designed to enhance both the performance and quality of work of established Mohs technicians - those with at least six months of experience in Mohs. *Please note that this training is not an official Histotech Certification program, nor is it intended for techs with no experience.*

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## Program at a Glance

<b>Friday, May 5</b> (all times are in Pacific time zone)	
<b>7:00 – 8:30 am</b>	Optional Workshops (additional fee required)
7:00 – 8:30 am	A to Z Workshop <i>Guy Orchard PhD, MSc, CSci, FIBM; Mohammad Shams, Bsc, Msc, (Senior Biomedical science)</i>
7:00 – 8:30 am	CLIA/Regulatory Standards Workshop <i>Camille J. McKay, M.Ed., BSHCA, HTL, CL; Robert Tagliaferro, HT (ASCP)<sup>CM</sup></i>
<b>8:45 – 10:05 am</b>	<b>General Session 1</b>
8:45 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Lindsey E. Riggs, HTL</i>
8:50 – 9:05 am	An Algorithmic Approach to Reading a Mohs Slide <i>Aaron Steen, MD</i>
9:05 – 9:35 am	Embedding Techniques <i>Zipporah A. Cassidy; Rodney K. Barber, HT; Daniel H. Gong, MS, MBA, C-PM, CWMP</i>
9:35 – 10:05 am	Cutaneous malignancies treated by Mohs micrographic surgery: Cases from New York University <i>Maressa Criscito, MD</i>
10:05 – 10:30 am	Break
<b>10:30 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>General Session 2</b>
10:30 – 11:30 am	Workforce Shortage and Grassroots Approach to Getting the Word Out <i>Camille J. McKay, M.Ed., BSHCA, HTL, CL</i>
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Whole Mount Sections – Start to Finish <i>Brandon W. Possum, HT</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Break
<b>1:00 – 3:15 pm</b>	<b>General Session 3</b>
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Setting Up Mohs Labs for Maximum Efficiency <i>Amanda Diaz, MS, HT (ASCP); Cristina Terteac, HT, HTL (ASCP)</i>
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Personality Assessments and Neuropsychological Evaluations to Help Lead a Team <i>Camille J. McKay, M.Ed., BSHCA, HTL, CL</i>
2:15 – 2:45 pm	T Blue Staining and Troubleshooting <i>Steven J. Wilson, HT (ASCP)</i>
2:45 – 3:15 pm	Ear Wedges <i>Tonya K. Woodard</i>
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Break
<b>3:30 – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>General Session 4</b>
3:30 – 4:30 pm	IHC (Mart-1 and Pan CK) <i>Catherine VanHooft, HT</i>
4:30 – 5:30 pm	Preparing for a JC/CAP/CLIA Inspection - How to Prepare and Become Familiarized <i>Camille J. McKay, M.Ed., BSHCA, HTL, CL</i>



## Program at a Glance

<b>Saturday, May 6</b> (all times are in Pacific time zone)	
7:00 – 8:30 am	Optional Workshop (additional fee required)
7:00 – 8:30 am	Theory and Procedures of Hematoxylin and Eosin Staining in the Mohs Lab <i>Melinda M. Chow, MS, HT (ASCP)<sup>CM</sup></i>
8:30 – 9:30 am	Business Meeting (Members Only)
<b>9:45 – 10:45 am</b>	<b>General Session 5</b>
9:45 – 10:15 am	Giant Cases – Start to Finish <i>Lindsey Riggs, HTL; Jeanie Wade, HT (ASCP)</i>
10:15 – 10:45 am	Specimen Labeling in the Mohs Lab <i>Beth Geer</i>
10:45 – 11:00 am	Break
<b>11:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>General Session 6</b>
11:00 – 11:30 pm	Tumor Identification <i>John Carucci, MD, PhD, FACMS</i>
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Creating a Digital Library for Mohs Slides for Teaching and Research <i>Brandon W. Possum, HT</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Break
<b>1:00 – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>General Session 7</b>
1:00 – 1:30 pm	How to Train a New Mohs Tech, the Techs Perspective <i>Norma Lilia Anderson, HT (ASCP); Jeanie Wade, HT (ASCP); Brandon W. Possum, HT</i>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Mentorship, Collaboration in the Mohs Laboratory <i>Angela P. Yepes, BA, HTL, LPN</i>
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Unusual Cases from the Other Side of the Pond (UK) <i>Guy Orchard PhD, MSc, CSci, FIBMS</i>
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Troubleshooting Panel <i>Zipporah A. Cassidy; Jeanie Wade, HT (ASCP); Brandon W. Possum, HT</i>
4:30	Meeting Adjourned

## Workshop Details

### Friday, May 5, 7:00 – 8:30 am

**A to Z Workshop** *Guy Orchard, PhD, MSc, CSci, FIBM; Mohammad Shams, Bsc, Msc, (Senior Biomedical science)*

This workshop will focus on debate and discussion of participants' Mohs technical problems, along with suggested remedies. A presentation encompassing all the common artifacts seen in Mohs laboratories and how best to troubleshoot and avoid these occurring will also be given.

### Friday, May 5, 7:00 – 8:30 am

**CLIA/Regulatory Standards Workshop** *Camille J. McKay, M.Ed., BSHCA, HTL, CL; Robert Tagliaferro, HT (ASCP)CM*

A workshop on CLIA and regulatory standards to help both novice and seasoned technicians. The workshop is also appropriate for fellows, residents, and Mohs surgeons. We will offer extensive information on CLIA and the standards as they relate to a Mohs laboratory.

### Saturday, May 6, 7:00 – 8:30 am

**Theory and Procedures of Hematoxylin and Eosin Staining in the Mohs Lab** *Melinda M. Chow, MS, HT (ASCP)CM*

Hematoxylin and Eosin stain is considered the gold standard which has been used for over a century for the clinical diagnosis in the histopathology laboratory. Since this is the most routine stain, we often overlook the problems associate with it. This session will provide an overview of the chemistry behind the mechanism of hematoxylin and eosin and how to troubleshoot the common problems associate with this stain. Understanding the causes/ complaints of the problems and learn how to correct them will be the main topic of my talk. The pros and cons in manual vs automated H&E staining and the future of routine staining will also be discussed.

## Scientific Program Schedule

### Scientific Program – Friday, May 5

8:45 - 10:15 am

#### General Session 1

8:45 am

##### Opening Remarks and Welcome

*Lindsey E. Riggs, HTL, ASMH President*

8:50 – 9:05 am

##### An Algorithmic Approach to Reading a Mohs Slide

*Aaron Steen, MD*

This session will provide the listener with a basic, step-by-step approach to evaluating and interpreting a Mohs slide.

9:05 – 9:35 am

##### Embedding Techniques

*Rodney K. Barber, HT; Zipporah Cassidy; Daniel H. Gong, MS, MBA, C-PM, CWMP*

This session will review three common Mohs embedding techniques in practice today: Embedding Well Bars, CryoEmbedder and lastly the Whole Slide Mount embedding methods. We will go into detail about the advantages of using this technique as well as multiple variations for embedding of Mohs tissue.

9:35 - 10:05 am

##### Cutaneous malignancies treated by Mohs micrographic surgery: Cases from New York University

*Maressa Criscito, MD*

In this session, we will review high-yield information on cutaneous malignancies treated by Mohs micrographic surgery by highlighting patient cases.

10:05 - 10:30 am

#### Break

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

#### General Session 2

10:30 – 11:30 am

##### Workforce Shortage and Grassroots Approach to Getting the Word Out

*Camille J. McKay, M.Ed., BSHCA, HTL, CL*

Taking a grassroots approach and going to local high schools and speaking to both the students and teachers about what a rewarding profession histotechnology is. In this presentation, we will discuss how to go about doing this within your local community and how to generate interest from high schoolers. I will also give examples of how to approach community colleges that offer a STEM curriculum and let educators know what histology is and what the technical component are.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

##### Whole Mount Sections - Start to Finish

*Brandon W. Possum, HT*

In this session, we will walk through processing a Mohs layer using a whole-mount method. The whole-mount process will cover the steps throughout mapping, inking, tissue relaxation, embedding, and sectioning.

12:00 - 1:00 pm

#### Break

1:00 - 3:15 pm

#### General Session 3

1:00 – 1:15 pm

##### Setting Up Mohs Labs for Maximum Efficiency

*Amanda Diaz MS, HT (ASCP); Cristina Terteac, BS, HT, HTL (ASCP)*

This session will highlight the importance of the Mohs technician's viewpoint when setting up a new laboratory. We discuss the benefits of interdisciplinary cooperation, the importance of space design and the must have equipment for successful productivity.

1:15 - 2:15 pm

##### Personality Assessments and Neuropsychological Evaluations to Help Lead a Team

*Camille J. McKay, M.Ed., BSHCA, HTL, CL*

Personality assessments and neuropsychological evaluations can help managers prepare and lead a team. Camille will discuss what resources are out there to help managers conduct such an assessment.

2:15 - 2:45 pm

##### T Blue Staining and Troubleshooting

*Steven J. Wilson, HT (ASCP)*

This session will focus on the second most common stain in Mohs (and my favorite), Toluidine Blue O, in all its metachromatic glory. We will discuss tips, troubleshooting common and not so common problems and how, in some cases, it can be more useful than H&E.

2:45 - 3:15 pm

##### Ear Wedges

*Tonya Woodard*

The Ear Wedge is familiar to us as a closer. It has now been brought into the lab as a way to see both the anterior and posterior ear on one slide. This presentation will show you how to embed and see the finished slides after cutting ear wedges.

## Scientific Program Schedule

### Scientific Program – Friday, May 5

3:15 - 3:30 pm

#### Break

3:30 - 5:30 pm

#### General Session 4

3:30 - 4:30 pm

##### IHC (Mart-1 and Pan CK)

*Catherine VanHooft, HT*

This session will cover the basics of how IHC staining works on the cellular level as well as troubleshooting tips on how to customize your stain to work for both you and your surgeon.

4:30 - 5:30 pm

##### Preparing for a JC/CAP/CLIA Inspection - How to Prepare and Become Familiarized

*Camille J. McKay, M.Ed., BSHCA, HTL, CL*

This session will give a brief overview on the inspection process and how it pertains to a Mohs laboratory. This presentation will provide an overview and attendees will become familiar with the process.

### Scientific Program – Saturday, May 6

8:30 – 9:30 am

#### ASMH Business Meeting\*

Business meeting to announce 2023 Board of Directors election results, ASMH year in review, as well as plans and goals for the coming year.

*ASMH Members Only*

9:45 - 10:45 am

#### General Session 5

9:45 – 10:15 am

##### Giant Cases – Start to Finish

*Lindsey E. Riggs, HTL; Jeanie Wade, HT (ASCP)*

Giant cases can be challenging. An in-depth presentation of how to ensure correct mapping / embedding orientation of large specimens. How to determine the last representative margin that came in contact with the patient. What margins are relevant vs. non-relevant? What happens when these cases are too large to complete in one day? What guidelines and protocols do we follow for day two?

10:15 – 10:45 am

##### Specimen Labeling in the Mohs Lab

*Beth Geer, HT*

In this presentation, attendees will be shown how to process many patients' specimens concurrently in the Mohs lab with no worry of a mishandled specimen.

10:45 – 11:00 am

#### Break

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

#### General Session 6

11:00 – 11:30 am

##### Tumor Identification

*John Carucci, MD, PhD, FACMS*

We will proceed with the following objectives: (1) Define parameters for histologic diagnosis of margin status for common and less common cancers; (2) Define specific approaches that facilitate histotechnologist driven optimization of processes.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

##### Creating a Digital Library for Mohs Slides for Teaching and Research

*Brandon W. Possum, HT*

With the evolving technology in digital pathology, the creation of a private or public resource for digital slide scans of Mohs sections can be beneficial for educational and research purposes. This session will go over scanning entire Mohs slides and uploading to a database with searchable keywords as well as some teaching ideas for Mohs histotechnology.

12:00 – 1:00 pm

#### Break

## Scientific Program Schedule

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### Scientific Program – Saturday, May 6

1:00 - 4:30 pm

#### General Session 7

1:00 – 1:30 pm

##### How to Train a New Mohs Tech, the Techs Perspective

*Norma Lilia Anderson, HT (ASCP); Brandon W. Possum, HT; Jeanie Wade, HT (ASCP)*

Training a new Mohs Technician can be educational for both the trainer and the trainee. There are many different styles of mapping, grossing and embedding based on physician / facility preference. In this session, you will be presented with a basic summary of “Training Methods” from two separate laboratories, and the “Perspective from a Trainee Point of View” from a third laboratory on how information presented by the trainer influences the success of the trainee.

1:30 – 2:30 pm

##### Mentorship, Collaboration in the Mohs Laboratory

*Angela P. Yepes, BA, HTL, LPN*

Becoming a proficient Mohs Histotechnician requires dedication and patience. In the Mohs field, every case that comes into the lab can be challenging. Working alongside a team of Mohs Histotechnicians affords me the opportunity to reach out to my colleagues instantly with any questions that arise. Working with multiple surgeons creates a different perspective for the Mohs Histotechnician. In this presentation, I will discuss how mentoring and collaboration in the Mohs laboratory work hand in hand.

2:30 –3:30 pm

##### Unusual Mohs Cases from the Other Side of the Pond (UK)

*Guy Orchard PhD, MSc, CSci, FIBMS*

Three unusual case studies will be presented that reflect the challenges and extent of modern day Mohs practice. The audience will be encouraged to ask questions as we discuss the cases.

3:30 – 4:30 pm

##### Troubleshooting Panel

*Zipporah Cassidy; Brandon W. Possum, HT; Jeanie Wade, HT (ASCP)*

Meeting attendees are encouraged to attend this live open-format session for tips, tricks, and techniques from fellow Mohs technicians. Questions and concerns can be submitted using this [link](#) before April 26, 2023.

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### Thank You

ASMH expresses sincere appreciation to all speakers, session participants, and workshop volunteers for their contribution to the meeting program:

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Please review your recent Mohs lab experiences; are there things you've done or learned that your fellow members may want to know about? Think of successes, tips, and anything that helps advance the work of fellow Mohs technicians. Please submit your ideas by September 1, 2023.

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