

AIPNA / COMPANION SESSION

Impact on Patient Care, One Cell at a Time

A Journey Through Quality Care!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

Seattle, Washington

SESSION TIME

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

1.5

CEU CREDITS

FEATURED SPEAKERS



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 01 Reduce errors in cytopathology**
Define and classify errors; assess their clinical consequences; detect and analyze errors; and apply evidence-based strategies to reduce them.
- 02 Strengthen quality in gynecologic cytology**
Recognize subtle squamous abnormalities and distinguish less obvious AIS from benign mimics on Pap tests. Understand the role of HPV testing and genotyping in quality assurance.
- 03 Optimize lung cytopathology and specimen triage**
Apply the WHO Reporting System for Lung Cytopathology to mass lesions, standardize diagnoses and improve communication with oncologists. Address practical challenges using clinical history and imaging. Use material judiciously for ancillary testing; triage molecular studies with a stepladder approach, including molecular requirements and PD-L1 testing.

MODERATORS



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