Who are our members?

• The society for molecular laboratory professionals – majority mid to late career; MD & PhD Directors, basic and translation scientists, technologists, trainees – fastest growing field in healthcare

• Help patients by developing advanced molecular testing techniques, treatments, and therapies to combat and monitor conditions

• Performed in clinical molecular laboratory facilities – academic teaching hospitals, community hospitals, industry laboratories, government laboratories
Why members join?

• Annual national meeting, AMP Europe meeting
• Discounted publishing, Journal Molecular Diagnostics
• CHAMP (Chat AMP), member online discussions; membership directory
• AMP continuing education programs
• Advocacy (Professional Relations Committee): policy, regulation, AMP v. Myriad (gene patenting)
• Assay validation resources
• Clinical practice guidelines
• Corporate support opportunities
Practice areas (Subdivisions)

• Overlapping Committees:
  • Working groups
  • Task forces

• Genetics
• Hematopathology
• Solid Tumors
• Informatics
• Infectious Diseases
Recent success / challenges

• COVID 19 testing
  • Assist government laboratories with test volume
  • Test development / validation / FDA approval as LDT’s
  • Test kit / reagent tracking & exchange

• COVID national testing response assessment
  • Surveys
  • Presentations / recommendations to Congress
  • News agency interviews – testing Directors, clinicians (Jim Musser, convalescent plasma)

• LDT regulation exposure / recommendations
  • HHS (CMS) v. FDA
Community education increases

• Disease trajectory / test timing / contact contagious
• Test types / Turnaround time:
  • 24hr
  • PCR
  • Ab
  • Ag
  • Asymptomatic
• False positive / false negative tests
• Contact tracking
• Vaccines – international, history (measles, polio)
  • RNA?
  • Clinical trial data?
  • Treatment assessments?
• Value of science
FASEB support

• Science policy (SP) development & recommended oversight
• Advocacy – legislation: SP, translational science, healthcare
• Scientific and lay community education, involvement SP
• Member society services
  • Human Resources
  • Payroll