

CLINICAL PATHOLOGIST (MD)

What do I do?

A Clinical Pathologist directs laboratories and serves as the vital link between the patient, the provider, and the laboratory. A Clinical Pathologist reviews and interprets laboratory data to guide clinical decisions and improve patient outcomes.

A Clinical Pathologist ensures that lab results are accurate and reliable, playing an important role in diagnosing and treating diseases. A Clinical Pathologist works closely with physicians and surgeons, providing expert insights that connect test results to clinical conditions.

Education Requirements

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

Certification

Boarded by the American Board of Pathology (ABP)

Salary

Mean Annual Salary*: \$300,000

My typical day includes:

- Serving as **medical directors** of clinical subspecialty areas.
- **Managing subspecialty laboratory teams**, standard operating procedures and proficiency metrics to ensure the highest level of care for patients.
- **Ensuring compliance** with the regulatory requirements and **maintaining laboratory accreditation**.
- **Conducting applied research** that will translate into new or improved test methods such as application of artificial intelligence and large data-set mining.
- **Reading current medical and scientific literature**. Participating in **educational sessions** to maintain competency and **contribute** to the advancement of laboratory medicine.
- **Teaching and mentoring** students, medical residents, and future laboratory professionals.

* Salaries are based on a national average and will vary by location, years of service and other factors. ([ASCP Data](#))