

# CLINICAL PATHOLOGIST (MD)



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Clinical Pathology



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## 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](#))