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### **American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science – Minnesota (ASCLS-MN)**

Founded in 1933, ASCLS is made up of and governed by practitioners in clinical laboratory science. ASCLS-MN's mission is to promote the profession of clinical laboratory science in Minnesota and provide beneficial services to those who practice it. Besides serving on the board of directors, committees or scientific assemblies for ASCLS-MN, members may also choose to work with ASCLS national committees. ASCLS publishes a bimonthly journal, *Clinical Laboratory Science*, along with a monthly national newsletter, *ASCLS Today*. ASCLS-MN publishes a quarterly newsletter, *e-Laborate*. All laboratorians are invited to be members of ASCLS, e.g. clinical laboratory scientists, clinical laboratory technicians, histotechnologists, histotechnicians, generalist, specialists, managers/supervisors, phlebotomists and others.

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### **American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)**

Founded in 1922, and with membership of more than 140,000 pathologists and laboratory professionals worldwide, the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) is the largest non-profit medical society organized for educational, scientific and charitable purposes. It serves as a principal resource for continuing education in pathology and laboratory medicine and the certification of laboratory personnel. Since 1928 the ASCP Board of Registry has certified over 400,000 laboratory professionals. Through the efforts and expertise of its volunteer faculty and leadership, each year ACSP develops more than 500 comprehensive educational programs. Members receive many benefits including ASCP's award winning monthly journals and newsletters, plus outstanding programs and networking opportunities at ASCP workshops, seminars, and regional and annual meetings.

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### **American Association of Clinical Chemistry (AACC)**

With nearly 10,000 members, AACC is the largest international society of research oriented clinical laboratory professionals, physicians, research scientists and others in the field of clinical laboratory medicine. Founded in 1948, the society is headquartered in Washington, DC. AACC members come from a variety of employment settings: hospital labs (50%), industry (26%) and independent labs (24%). 30% of the membership is international. 23 local area sections and 13 specialty divisions focus on laboratory medicine subspecialties such as Point of Care, Pediatric, Maternal, Fetal, and Molecular Diagnostics, to name a few. AACC's annual meeting and exposition is often held jointly with ASCLS and is the largest in the field of laboratory medicine attracting nearly 20,000 participants and 600 exhibitors. AACC sponsors dozens of other scientific meetings each year such as the Oakridge Conference. AACC is a major publisher of books and five periodicals on clinical laboratory science. **Clinical Chemistry** is an international peer reviewed journal and is the most cited journal in the field. **Clinical Laboratory News** offers breaking news stories with feature articles and viewpoints from leading clinical laboratory scientists. **Clinical Laboratory Strategies** addresses the essentials of laboratory management and mastering change in laboratory practice. In addition to the AACC member website, Lab Tests Online [www.labtestsonline.org](http://www.labtestsonline.org) has won several awards and hosts more than 700,000 visitors per month.

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### **American Medical Technologists (AMT/MSSAMT)**

The American Medical Technologists (AMT) is a nonprofit certification agency and professional association representing over 41,000 individuals in allied health care. Established in 1939, AMT has been providing allied health professionals with professional certification services and membership programs to enhance their professional and personal growth. Members include Medical Technologists, Medical Laboratory Technicians, Medical Assistants, Medical Administrative Specialists, Dental Assistants, Office Laboratory Technicians, Phlebotomy Technicians, Laboratory Consultants, and Allied Health Instructors. In order to become an AMT member, you need to be certified by meeting educational, professional experience and examination requirements. Once certified by AMT, members receive many valuable benefits that include educational and professional programs, career assistance, information services, networking opportunities, and many other benefits.

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### **Association of Genetic Technologists (AGT)**

The Association of Genetic Technologists (AGT), founded in 1975, is a non-profit professional organization established to promote cooperation and exchange of information among those engaged in classical cytogenetics, molecular and biochemical genetics, and to stimulate interest in genetics as a career. Over 1,200 technologists, supervisors, and lab directors that are members of AGT comprise a network of dedicated professionals who share a common bond-an interest in genetics. AGT's annual meeting provides opportunities to develop professional contacts in the ever-expanding area of clinical and research genetics. Our publications keep members and subscribers abreast of the latest developments in the field. AGT's continuing educational opportunities assist those with professional certifications to maintain their professional credentials. In addition, various awards and volunteer opportunities allow technologists to be recognized for their contribution to the profession.

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### **Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA)**

CLMA is an international organization whose membership is responsible for laboratories and clinical services in hospitals, healthcare networks, group practices and independent settings. The Minnesota Chapter of CLMA is a professional organization dedicated to excellence in clinical services: to enhancing professional, managerial and leadership skills, to promoting efficient, productive and high quality operations, and to advocating on behalf of quality patient care and chapter membership. The Minnesota Chapter provides education, regulatory information and networking opportunities. CLMA provides e-mails with the latest regulatory updates and industry trends as well as newsletters and journals to its members. This organization is an invaluable asset for current and future laboratory leaders.

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### **Minnesota Association of Blood Banks (MABB)**

The Minnesota Association of Blood Banks, founded in 1955, is comprised of individuals and institutions interested in blood banking and transfusion medicine. It was formed to “encourage, promote and render a high standard of service to all communities, hospitals and those who need or will need blood and its components. We foster cooperation between agencies and individuals interested in blood banking.” Educational opportunities are available in the Newsletter and at the annual educational conference held in the fall. Membership consists of all levels of laboratory professionals, nurses and physicians with a current membership of over 100 individuals and 26 institutions. A board of directors, elected at the annual fall meeting, governs MnABB.

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### **Minnesota Interlaboratory Microbiology Association (MIMA)**

The Minnesota Interlaboratory Microbiology Association (MIMA) was founded in 1976 to provide a forum for the exchange of scientific knowledge and the discussion and evaluation of standard methodology, products and new developments in clinical microbiology. The association is made up of over five hundred people from across the state working in or interested in clinical microbiology. Our educational dinner meetings, held three times a year, provide a forum for invited speakers to discuss topics pertinent to the field of clinical microbiology and also afford an opportunity for the members to exchange information and ideas.

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