The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) is pleased to announce our two new Focused Practice Designations (FPD) in Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Microbiology. The purpose of these two designations is to recognize and provide a credential to diplomates who have successfully completed training in a Commission on Accreditation in Clinical Chemistry (ComACC) or in an American Society for Microbiology Committee on Postgraduate Education Programs (CPEP) accredited training program. These designations will also be available to recognize ABPath certified physicians whose practice has been primarily or exclusively devoted to either of these two areas. These are not new areas of certification, but rather designations. The ABPath will continue to offer subspecialty certification in Chemical Pathology and Medical Microbiology to diplomates who have completed ACGME accredited training in these specialties.

All the information, requirements, and applications for the designations are available on the ABPath website [here](http://abpath.org). 2018 applications are due by July 20, 2018. Secure exams will be administered remotely during a two-week period in September, dates to be announced.

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