Role of PhD in the Clinical Laboratory: Results from the PhD Data Task Force
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A couple of years ago, ABHI was contacted by a task force of the Association of Pathology Chairs about its role in credentialing PhD professionals in clinical laboratory practice. As part of the ABHI executive leadership at the time and having recently rotated off of the ASHI ARB, I was asked to become part of a group (the PhD Data Task Force) that wanted to investigate how PhDs are trained for a role in the clinical laboratory workforce. The article, linked below, about the PhD clinical lab workforce just came out from a collaboration of the Association of Pathology Chairs and various professional societies including ASHI. The collection of data and this article was many years in the making. Many thanks go to ASHI’s own, Melissa Weeks, who was instrumental in getting the data for ASHI. Thanks also go to ASHI’s ARB, DTRC and the Board of Directors for comments, discussions and permission for using ASHI’s data.

One of the biggest conclusions that the PhD Data Task Force made from our research is the realization that many graduate schools do not include much information about opportunities for clinical laboratory science and medicine in their curricula. We on the Task Force hope this article will find its way to pre-doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows wishing to obtain information about careers outside of basic research. It is my wish that if you know someone in graduate school or in a post-doctoral fellowship, please send this link to them. Click here to read the article.

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