

**APHL**  
**Lab Director Transitions Guide**  
**Online Toolkit**

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**External Organization List**

*Professional groups every lab director needs to know*

Lab directors must do external bridge-building to help the lab advance and function effectively. This means knowing and interacting with key professional organizations in the industry and practice. Having these connections can also help in getting ideas and best practices for improving the lab, recruiting a good team, getting funding sources, sharpening skills and more. Don't forget to add the associations specific to your state and region.

**Public Health Associations:**

- Association of Public Health Laboratories; APHL; [www.aphl.org](http://www.aphl.org)
- American Public Health Association; APHA; [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org)
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; ASTHO; [www.astho.org](http://www.astho.org)
- National Association of County and City Health Officials; NACCHO; [www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org)

**Clinical Laboratory Science:**

- American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science; ASCLS; [www.ascls.org](http://www.ascls.org)
- Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute; NCCLS; [www.clsi.org](http://www.clsi.org)
- American Society for Clinical Pathology; ASCP; [www.ascp.org](http://www.ascp.org)
- American Medical Technologists; AMT; <http://www.americanmedtech.org>
- American Association of Bioanalysts; AAB; [www.aab.org](http://www.aab.org)
- Clinical Laboratory Management Association; CLMA; [www.clma.org](http://www.clma.org)

**Chemistry:**

- American Association for Clinical Chemistry; AACC; [www.aacc.org](http://www.aacc.org)
- American Chemical Society; ACS; [www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org)
- The American Institute of Chemists; AIC; [www.theaic.org](http://www.theaic.org)

**Toxicology:**

- Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry; SETAC; [www.setac.org](http://www.setac.org)
- Society of Toxicology; SOT; [www.toxicology.org](http://www.toxicology.org)

**Microbiology:**

- American Society for Microbiology; ASMUSA; [www.asmus.org](http://www.asmus.org)

**Molecular Biology:**

- American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; ASBMB; [www.asbmb.org](http://www.asbmb.org)
- Association for Molecular Pathology; AMP; [www.amp.org](http://www.amp.org)

**Quality:**

- American Society for Quality; ASQ; [www.asq.org](http://www.asq.org)
- Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute; CLSI; [www.clsi.org](http://www.clsi.org)