Measuring productivity is an important step in the strategic planning process for pathology groups. It can help determine a practice’s capacity for growth and future needs when it comes to operations, staffing, and infrastructure. This allows pathology groups to implement effective benchmarking.

The Panel of National Pathology Leaders – a non-profit think tank dedicated to advancing best practices in pathology and laboratory medicine – recently released its annual workload relative value unit (wRVU) productivity report based on data from 1,400 pathologists. Utilizing 2019 volume and completed in July 2021, the survey found the average wRVUs per pathologist was 7,452. The next annual report will analyze practice data from 2021 and be released in 2023.

PNPL panelist and co-founder, Robert Tessier, noted that the 2019 report surveyed more than five times the number of private practice pathologists than any other report issued that year. He added, “This provides unique insight and statistically relevant information when compared to other studies that include the productivity and compensation of employed pathologists.”

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Hopkins' national Healthcare Practice Group, and Richard Cooper serving as co-organizers, along with Robert. PNPL’s mission is to develop innovative strategies and solutions for the pathology and lab medicine industry in response to operational and financial challenges, and to support the industry's unique value in an increasingly value-based healthcare delivery system.

For more information on PNPL, including membership opportunities, educational webinars, and additional research resources that can benefit your practice, visit their website – pathleaders.org.