



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

New Consultants Day

15th October 2026

CPD Points:

The New Consultants' Day is an event to help and support those recently appointed to a consultant post, or who will soon be taking one up. It is appropriate for all pathology specialties and for both medically trained pathologists and clinical scientists.

You will hear from experienced consultants on a range of topics such as how to prepare a business case to secure resources, how to set up new services and how best to deal with complaints, and learn more about appraisal, revalidation and job planning (parallel session for medically-trained pathologists) and the experiences of consultant clinical scientists (parallel session for clinical scientists), among other things. It is most suitable for those appointed to a consultant post within the last year, or who expect to be appointed to a consultant post within the next year.

Programme

Intro to event – Dr Claire Deakin

09:30 Welcome from the President, *Dr Bernie Croal, RCPATH President*

CHAIR – Dr Ruchi Nasa

09:40 What I wish I'd known... How to make the transition from trainee to consultant – the first few weeks and months in a consultant post, *Dr Rachel Rummary, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*

10:05 How to obtain resources – writing business cases and department finances, *Laura Brand, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

10:30 Getting Involved: Training and Supervising Trainees, *Dr Harriet Hughes, University Hospital of Wales*

10:55 Q&A session

11:05 Coffee/tea break

CHAIR – Dr Dominic Haigh

11:20 Research, how to get involved – *Dr Matthew Clarke, Great Ormond Street Hospital and the Institute of Cancer Research*

11:45 Diversity, inclusion and adjustment – *Dr Chris Tiplady, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust*

12:10 All about finances – personal, pensions and how to get an accountant, *Paul Gordon, Regional Director, Head of Medical, Fidelius*

12:35 College CPD portfolio: getting started, *Dr Elisabeth Chambers, University Hospitals Plymouth in Devon*

12:45 Q&A session

12:55 Lunch break

CHAIR – Dominic to intro breakout groups

Breakout into two groups – delegates choose which to attend

(Breakout 1 is suitable for medics and Breakout 2 is suitable for Clinical Scientists)

BREAKOUT GROUP 1: Medics

13:25 Appraisal and revalidation, *Jen Thorpe and Jamie Kenyon, GMC*

13:50 Job planning and contracts, *Alex Obasola, BMA*

14:15 Questions

14:25 End of breakout session

BREAKOUT GROUP 2: Clinical scientists

13:25 How to approach life in a consultant role, *Dr Arthi Anand*

13:40 Job planning and appraisal

13:55 EQA, performance issues and ISO 15189

14:15 Questions

14:25 End of breakout session

14:25 Coffee/tea break

CHAIR – Dr Thomas Millner

14:35 Preparation for clinical lead and clinical director roles, *Dr Noha Elsakka, RCPATH Vice President*

14:55 Complaints – how to avoid them and how to handle them, *Dr Mike Osborn (recording)*

15:20 It's your College - how to get involved at RCPATH, *Professor Angharad Davies, RCPATH Clinical Director for Publishing and Engagement,*

15:45 New Consultants Hub – *Dr Ruchi Nasa, Royal Devon University Hospital in Exeter*

15:55 Wellbeing at work, *Professor Peter Johnston, RCPATH Vice President*

16:15 Q&A

16:30 Event close