

Celebrating our Diamond Jubilee

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President's Message

Your College, Your Profession Member Engagement Tour

The Membership Engagement tour continues. It gives me an invaluable opportunity to hear from members first hand. My recent visit to Aberdeen was attended by trainees and fellows representing a variety of specialities. You can find more about the visit on the [College website](#).

During December visits will be taking place in Belfast, Norwich and Bodelwyddan in North Wales. To book visit the [event booking page](#).

Two further live events will be held in January 2023 in [Swansea and Manchester](#). These are bookable via [this link](#).

To ensure everyone has the opportunity to be involved in the discussion, the live event will be supported by several online meetings from February 2023. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions on how the College can better support you, please email us at mycollege@rcpath.org.

RCPATH 60th Anniversary Land's End to John o' Groats Cycle Challenge

I was delighted to join College Vice-President, Professor Sarah Coupland, College Vice-President to [present a cheque](#) for over £35,000 to Cancer Research UK. The donation was the culmination of a cycle ride challenge from Land's End to John O'Groats completed by Sarah, College members and other

participants including researchers, nurses and cancer patients.

Histopathology Reporting: Advanced Practice and Scientist Reporting

The joint meeting between the College and the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) to discuss extended roles for Biomedical Scientists in Histopathology Reporting was well attended with over 130 College members and Biomedical Scientists joining online.

Thanks to the panel and to the attendees for their questions. We will be adding these, along with the answers, to [our FAQs webpage](#). We also have a number of action points from the meeting to follow up on and there are plans to host another meeting in a years' time to see how things have progressed.

Engaging parliamentarians and stakeholders Laboratory visits

- I hosted a visit by Tim Ferris, NHS England National Director Transformation at North-West London Pathology. He toured our laboratories and discussed how we can improve NHS pathology services nationally for better patient care.
- I wrote to the reappointed Health Secretary, Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, to highlight the vital role pathology plays in healthcare. We have also contacted the new health ministers now they are in post. Steve Brine MP has been elected as the new Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee and I have written to him expressing our aim to stay as involved with the committee as possible.
- Prof Louise Jones, Chair of the Genomics and Reproductive SAC, pitched to the Science and Technology Committee at the House of Commons, following our written submission on genomics earlier this year. There were 90 entries and only 6 invited to pitch. The pitch focused on delivering genomics medicine on the UK.
- While our pitch was not chosen as the successful presentation, the presentation raised awareness of genomics and the committee may decide to recommend further action. You can watch the presentation on the live streamed session on the [parliament website](#) – Prof Louise Jones's presentation is

at 10:14 am on the recording. Find out more on the [College website](#).

- As one of over 200 member organisations in the [Health Inequalities Alliance](#), we wrote a [joint letter](#) to the former Health and Social Care Secretary, Therese Coffey, urging her to maintain the commitment to publish the Health Disparities white paper.
- I was delighted to speak at the Westminster Health Forum conference on Next steps for cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care in England. The conference was chaired by Elliot Colburn MP who has been very supportive to the College and introduced our first Diamond Jubilee [Bulletin](#).

Access to patient records through the NHS App

The NHS App is changing so it will be easier for patients to read news entries to their GP record, which may include laboratory tests results. Consideration will need to be given to how reports are written to ensure clinical colleagues receive clear accurate information, bearing in mind that these may be read by patients. There is [guidance](#) for health staff and we recommend [Lab Tests Online UK](#) as a reputable source of laboratory test information for patients.

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Diamond Jubilee – Celebrating 60 years of the College

College's 60th anniversary

[2022 is the College's Diamond Jubilee year](#). The College was founded on 21 June 1962 to develop and support the evolving specialties of pathology.

New webpage: 60 at 60 – People in Pathology

As we come to the end of our Jubilee year, we have published a new [webpage](#) dedicated to the people who have contributed to our 60th Anniversary celebrations.

This page showcases individuals who have been profiled in our four Diamond Jubilee Bulletin issues, podcasts, and other College activities throughout the past year. They have all contributed in different ways towards the delivery of high-quality services, research and innovation together with education and training. Explore our [Diamond Jubilee resources](#) on our website.

[RCPATH Scotland 60th Anniversary Symposium: What has pathology ever done for us? \(7 CPD credits\)](#)

25 November 2022

To be held at the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW

This free symposium is in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the College and is aimed at College fellows, members, trainees, medical students, and other stakeholders including government, parliamentarians, board chief executives, medical directors and the media.

Laboratory services are vital to healthcare. This symposium will highlight how such services provide an important foundation for a variety of key medical and surgical disciplines.

In addition, topics will also include relevance to research, development, innovation, cutting edge cardiac marker and artificial intelligence advances.

A programme of high-profile speakers includes the Chief Medical Officer, Chief Scientist, Chief Healthcare Science Officer and four Presidents of national bodies.

Working for members

LEPT instructional videos

There are a range of instructional videos as aids on how to navigate around the new LEPT system most effectively. From the [College website](#), LEPT users can log into the new LEPT system and access the video links for trainees and non-trainees. The video links are in the Alerts section on the LEPT homepage.

The LEPT system – Chemical Pathology, Oral Maxillofacial Pathology Training and Cellular Pathology

Trainees in the above specialties who have moved from the old LEPT system to the new LEPT system will soon have their training items migrated across.

John James OBE and Charlotte Silver win Percy Lane Oliver Memorial Award 2022

The College is delighted to announce that the [winners of the Percy Lane Oliver Memorial Award 2022](#) (Lay Category) are John James OBE and Charlotte Silver for their outstanding contribution to blood and transfusion science.

The standard of applications was extremely high this year, and after much deliberation the panel awarded the prize to two recipients. Both will be presented with their award at the [SHOT Symposium](#) in November.

Pathology Portal

The Pathology Portal goes from strength to strength with over 2,400 live modules now live. Recently added is a new quiz and test format called Match Game. This new question format allows the team to bring learners new forms of interactive learning. Several modules using this function have already been created, testing learning on genes and syndromes in bowel and renal disorders, as well as some new modules testing image recognition. More great autopsy long cases have been added and a set of microbiology podcasts have been uploaded thanks to our UK and international faculties. We encourage you to use this amazing resource to support your training and your continuing professional development! For further information on how to access the Portal, go to [our webpage](#).

Model job descriptions

Did you know? We provide a free service where we review and approve consultant level and Specialty and Associate Specialist (SAS) grade job descriptions, arrange College assessors to attend advisory appointment committees (AAC) and provide guidance on recruiting the right candidates. Our newly revised guidance document and relevant links are [available online](#).

Educational Update 2022 meeting

This annual meeting will be held remotely on Friday 25 November 2022 at 10:00am to 12:00pm and this year's theme is 'Equality, diversity and inclusion with a focus on differential attainment'. The keynote speaker is Professor Kamila Hawthorne who will share her experience about tackling differential attainment in medical education. Professor Hawthorne is the incoming Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners. Her biography is on the Zoom registration page. The programme and how to book your place is on the [College website](#).

Professor Sir Alimuddin (Ali) Zumla FRCPATH awarded Sir Patrick Manson Medal by the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

The [Sir Patrick Manson Medal has been awarded to RCPATH Fellow Prof Sir Alimuddin \(Ali\) Zumla by The Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene \(RSTMH\)](#). Professor Sir Alimuddin Zumla was awarded the medal for his world-leading contribution to global health.

Blood Management

Following an amber alert issued by NHS Blood and Transplant on 12 October, blood stock levels have improved, returning to Pre-Amber.

Trusts are no longer required to postpone any elective surgery, but NHSBT has requested that patients are transfused appropriately using patient blood management guidance.

We will remain in Pre-Amber status until 2023. This remains subject to stocks remaining strong and is dependent on continued good practice and application of clinical guidance, along with success in recruitment to the donor collection teams.

Public Engagement

Art of Pathology Competition winners announced

This year, the Art of Pathology competition was kindly sponsored by Sonic Healthcare UK. We received over 100 entries from the UK and abroad - the highest number to date. All the winners, runners up and commended entries on our [Art of Pathology Competition webpage](#).

Sign up for our next RCPATH Book Club - Tuesday 29 November

We'll be exploring the future of the human body with Professor of Immunology and author of The Secret Body, Professor Daniel Davis, as well as our expert panel. Find out more and sign up for free on the [RCPATH Book Club website](#).

[Apply for free public engagement training](#)

Book your place for our popular public engagement training. Run by a team from the Science Museum, the next session of the [Standard Level Public Engagement training](#) will take place at the College on 4 May 2023 from 9.30am to 5pm. This bespoke course is free to members of all grades and offers a unique opportunity to develop skills in communicating their specialty to a range of public audiences. To apply email publicengagement@rcpath.org and include your name, job title and specialty.

Get involved at the College

Veterinary Pathology Speciality Advisory Committee Chair. Deadline extended!

There is still time to apply for the role of Veterinary Pathology Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) Chair. The closing date is Friday 25 November.

Why should I apply?

The College is committed to setting and maintaining professional standards and promoting excellence in the teaching and practice of pathology, for the benefit of patients. Those holding office in the College contribute to this important work by providing professional leadership and contributing at a national level to the maintenance and development of pathology services and the quality of patient care.

What does the role entail?

The SAC on Veterinary Pathology exists to advise Council on matters concerning veterinary practice in the UK. Further details about the role can be found in the role description below.

New publications

- A consultation period is open for [G073 Tissue pathway for gynaecological pathology](#). This consultation is open until 29 November.
- [G089 Guidance on the reporting of thyroid cytology specimens](#) has now been published.
- The Best Practice Recommendation [G121 Clinical responsibility for cytology services](#) has now been published.
- The [2021–2022 Annual Report](#) covers the many activities of our Diamond Jubilee as well as how to develop services to provide the best pathology care.

College conferences and symposia

[Discover Pathology Events: Undergraduate Pathology Educational Lecture Series](#) **October 2022 – March 2023**

This new series of evening virtual webinars is aimed at undergraduate medical students who wish to find out about the specialties under the umbrella of the Royal College of Pathologists. The aim is to supplement students' learning in pathology and highlight what pathologists do, how we do it and how our work influences the care of patients. The events are free to attend and open to all healthcare professionals at an early stage of their learning.

[Advances in Transfusion Medicine – Virtual Event](#)

23 and 24 November 2020

CPD credits: 4 per day

There are exciting ongoing developments in transfusion medicine and science with high quality research supporting evidence-based practice. This virtual meeting will be held over two half days and has been organised on behalf of the College in collaboration with the Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) UK Haemovigilance Scheme. The meeting brings together experts from various clinical disciplines with leaders in transfusion science to provide an update on key developments. The meeting will be of interest to all those involved in transfusion medicine.

[Paediatric dermatopathology Course - Hybrid Event](#)

28 November 2022

CPD credits: 6

We are excited to bring to you this in person paediatric dermatopathology course. This course is aimed at paediatric histopathologists, dermatopathologists and trainees who want to gain more insight into paediatric dermatopathology. A one-day course designed to learn from the experts about challenging cases in this field.

[RCPath Veterinary Pathology School for trainees/residents- virtual training](#)

17 January 2022

6CPD Credits

The Royal College of Pathologists Veterinary pathology residency programmes comprise of three main disciplines anatomic, clinical and microbiology. This exciting event is aimed at veterinary pathology (anatomic and clinical) and microbiology residents at any stage of their training. Therefore, the emphasis of the programme is on the FRCPath programme, but those studying for ACVP, ECVCP, ECVI and ECVP exams may also find the programme of interest.

RCPATH Freddie Flynn Symposium

1 March 2023

This special symposium is co-organised with the Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (ACB), with a programme reflecting and celebrating the work of Professor Freddie Flynn.

Tickets can be bought with a two-day conference ticket for the ACB National Meeting, which is taking place between 7-9 November at the Royal College of Pathologists'

3rd United Kingdom Endocrine Pathology Society/Royal College of Pathologists Endocrine Pathology Update)

2-3 February 2023

10 CPD Credits

Hear the latest developments in endocrine pathology and oncology from nationally and internationally recognised experts in the field. Join us for a two-day update on endocrine pathology.

Medical examiner training

The College is the [lead medical royal college for medical examiners](#) and provides training for any doctor wishing to work as a medical examiner. Participants will need to complete 26 mandatory e-learning modules and attend an entire face-to-face training day to receive a certificate of completion. The day includes short presentations, small group discussions of case scenarios and the opportunity to share experience. Medical examiner training is open only to medically qualified individuals who work in England and Wales.

New medical examiners who successfully complete the training and the e-learning modules will be invited to join the College as members.

Medical examiner training session – Virtual Training

Wednesday 7 December 2022

CPD credits: 6

Medical Examiner Face to Face Training - Virtual (rcpath.org)

Thursday 23 March 2023

CPD credits: 6

Medical examiner officer training

The College also leads on the training of [medical examiner officers](#) (MEOs).

MEOs work closely with medical examiners and undertake tasks such as coordinating the completion of death certificates and referrals to the coroner, and speaking to clinicians and bereaved families.

MEOs may come from a wide range of backgrounds. For example, nurses, healthcare scientists or bereavement officers although this list is not exhaustive. More information, including a [model job description, is on the College website.](#)

The face-to-face training day is the second part of MEO training. Everyone attending the course must have completed the 26 mandatory core e-learning modules before the date

of the course to get the most out of the training day. The e-learning modules [can be accessed here](#). (Registration with e-Learning for Healthcare is required.)

Medical examiner officer training session – Virtual Training

Wednesday 30 November 2022

CPD credits: 6

For further information, please contact the RCPATH Conference team at meetings@rcpath.org or on 020 7451 6700.

News from external organisations

23 November 2022, The Royal College of Pathologists, London

Digital Pathology (DP) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Are we there yet?

The Digital Pathology and Artificial Intelligence Showcase is a Roche sponsored event where keynote speakers will share the current research occurring within the DP and AI space, and discuss how technological advances can make a significant difference to a patient's diagnosis journey.

The audience will comprise pathologists, clinicians, laboratory scientists and healthcare professionals and will include representatives from NPIC (National Pathology Imaging Co-operative). For more information visit: [DP and AI – Are we there yet?](#)

New sessions added to national breast imaging programme

The National Breast Imaging Academy (NBIA) elearning programme has recently been updated with the following new sessions:

- Mammographic Interpretation – Masses
- Ultrasound Interpretation – Breast Cancer
- Physics for Breast MRI

There are now 148 sessions available on the elfh hub. These interactive elearning sessions for radiographers, radiologists and breast clinicians cover a wide range of topics on breast imaging and relevant aspects of surgery, oncology, pathology, nursing, and risk and prevention.

Additional sessions will be added to the elearning catalogue as soon as they are available.

For more information and to access the sessions, please visit the [National Breast Imaging Academy \(NBIA\) programme page](#).

BSACI guideline for the set-up of penicillin allergy de-labelling services by non-allergists working in a hospital setting

The British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology (BSACI) published a guideline for the set-up of penicillin allergy de-labelling services by non-allergists working in a hospital setting.

Penicillin allergy labels are associated with antimicrobial resistance, are less effective in healthcare and increase healthcare costs. Most penicillin allergy labels prove to be incorrect when tested, therefore removal of an incorrect label is a key strategy for improving antimicrobial stewardship and reducing patient harm from alternative antibiotics.

[The new guideline](#) provides a framework for the set-up and delivery of penicillin allergy de-labelling services by non-allergists with an interest in clarifying the penicillin allergy status in adults and children with an untested label of penicillin allergy.

Other external events of interest

24–25 November 2022

[British Lymphoma Pathology Group Meeting](#)

25 November 2022

Consultant Pathologist AP Update Course – For more information, please contact:
m.madigan1@nhs.net

2 December 2022

[BSAC Infection Clinical Dilemmas webinar: Acute Respiratory infections](#)

02 December 2022

[BAUP Annual Meeting with Uro pathology EQA Circulation AE](#)

05–08 December 2022

[British Society for Immunology Congress 2022](#)

13–14 December 2022

[BSAC Winter Conference: Infection 2022](#)

10–11 January 2023

[BAUP Advanced Bladder Pathology Course](#)

23–24 February 2023

[Janssen | GRAPPA UK Workshop Meeting 2023](#)

25–27 August 2023

[The Diagnexia Histopathology Symposium 2023](#)

RCPATH CPD accredited online resources can be found at the following [link](#)

