



Educational Update

Friday 7 November 2025

09:45am to 12:00pm

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The main aim of this annual remotely held Zoom meeting is to provide an 'Educational Update' on training and assessment and examinations. There is also an update on the Pathology Portal.

This year's theme is **Future of Training**.

This meeting is relevant to all those involved in the delivery of pathology training – including trainers, assessors and senior resident doctors preparing to become consultants.

09:30 Meeting opens for logging in – via emailed personalised Zoom webinar joining details

09:45 Welcome and introductions
[Professor Marta Cohen](#)
Chairperson
Vice President for Learning, RCPATH

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

09:50 National Health Service England (NHSE) Medical Training Review
[Professor Geoff Smith](#)
Interim Medical Director, Education reform
Regional Postgraduate Dean, South West
Honorary Professor, University of Exeter Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

10:10 Q&A for keynote speaker – Professor Geoff Smith

PANEL MEMBERS

10:30 The Pathology Plan
[Dr Bernie Croal](#)
President, RCPATH

10:45 Flexibilities in training for the pathology specialties
[Professor Ronan McMullan](#)
Clinical Director of Training and Assessment, RCPATH



PROGRAMME	11:00	Examinations – the future landscape Helen Melliush and Tharek Azad Head of Examinations and Examinations Policy and Quality Officer, RCPATH
	11:10	Pathology Portal and the future of digital learning Luke Thrower Pathology Portal Officer, RCPATH
	11:20	Q&A for panel members
	PENDING CHANGES/FUTURE TRAINING/REVIEW OF CURRICULA	
	11:30	Cellular Pathology curriculum (breakout session) Dr Catherine Horsfield and Dr Rathi Ramakrishnan Chair and Co-chair of the Cellular Pathology Curriculum Review Group, RCPATH
		Chemical Pathology curriculum (breakout session) Dr Vinita Mishra Chair, Chemical Pathology College Specialty Training Committee (CSTC), RCPATH
		Medical Microbiology and Medical Virology curricula (breakout session) Dr Harriet Hughes Chair, Medical Microbiology and Medical Virology College Specialty Training Committee (CSTC), RCPATH
	11:55	Summing up Professor Marta Cohen Chairperson

General information

Registration

- We look forward to seeing you at this free remotely-held Educational Update event.
- Please [BOOK HERE](#)
- Registration will close at 5:00pm on Thursday, 6 November 2025.
- All the talks will be recorded. Attendees will be sent an email notification when the recordings are available to view on the College website.



Evaluation

A QR Code will be displayed towards the end of the meeting for delegates to provide feedback. As an alternative, an emailed link to the evaluation form will also be sent.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Participation in this event will provide supporting evidence towards meeting the GMC standards for ongoing trainer recognition. You may claim a maximum of **2 CPD credits** in the professional category for full attendance at this meeting. A list of attendee names will be retained as per Zoom records and CPD certificates will be sent via email.

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