

Celebrating our Diamond Jubilee

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President's newsletter – September 2022

President's Message

Her Majesty The Queen 1926–2022

We were deeply saddened to hear the news of the death of our [Patron Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II](#).

The sad news regarding the death of the Queen was announced shortly before the start of the College's dinner. Following appropriate, expert advice, a decision was made to go ahead as many people had already arrived or were on their way. At the start of the dinner, there was a formal acknowledgement of the Queen's death and a minute's silence was held.

RCPATH Achievement Awards 2022

The College's Achievement Awards celebrate excellence in pathology practice, education and training.

I was delighted to present the RCPATH Achievement Awards for 2022 to four deserving teams.

[Find out more about the work of the winners](#): Centre for Diagnosis and Research in Cancer, University of Colombo, Derbyshire Shared Care Pathology, iHistopathology and the UK Expert Haematology Panel on VITT (vaccine-induced immune thrombocytopenia and thrombosis).

Your College, Your Profession – Member Engagement Tour

This autumn, I will be undertaking a member engagement tour of the UK. This will give you the opportunity to tell me what you want and need from the College, how the College can further support your work and what we need to do to

further the development of the profession across all our specialities. The events are open to all members.

I hope you will be able to join me. Details and how to attend via the links below:

- Plymouth Friday 30 September [Your College, Your Profession - Plymouth \(rcpath.org\)](#)
- London 14 October [Your College, Your Profession - London \(rcpath.org\)](#)
- Aberdeen 3 November [Your College, Your Profession - Aberdeen \(rcpath.org\)](#)
- Newcastle 18 November [Your College, Your Profession - Newcastle \(rcpath.org\)](#)
- Glasgow 24 November [Your College, Your Profession - Glasgow \(rcpath.org\)](#)
- Northern Ireland 2 December [Your College, Your Profession - Belfast \(rcpath.org\)](#)
- Norwich 5 December [Your College, Your Profession - Norwich \(rcpath.org\)](#)
- Bodelwyddan 16 December [Your College, Your Profession - Bodelwyddan \(rcpath.org\)](#)

If you aren't able to attend any of the events, we are still very keen to hear from you. Email mycollege@rcpath.org.

You can also attend an online 'Your College, your profession' event. Look out for future emails promoting these events taking place during the winter months.

College members cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats in aid of Cancer Research UK.

I was delighted to join College Vice-President, Professor Sarah Coupland and College members, Rachel Brown, Aditya Shivane and Martin Gill at the start of their cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats.

The ride is part of the College's 60th Birthday celebrations. Teaming up with Cycle Retreats and CRUK the riders are aiming to raise awareness of the role of pathology role in cancer diagnostics and patient care. They are also raising funds for CRUK to support research done by pathologists, oncologists and scientists to discover new therapies in treating numerous different cancer types. Find out more about their journey. You can also [donate here](#).

College regional map

Our latest [regional map](#) provides a snapshot of key live and virtual activities during our Diamond Jubilee year for September, October and November. In this edition:

- Member engagement tours
- President's lab visit
- College Diamond Jubilee events

- Labour Party Conference

On the agenda

- I had a fantastic day at the [Eisteddfod](#) promoting pathology in Wales and across the country. The virtual autopsy by Emyr Benbow was outstanding and well received. Thank you, Wales.
- Dr Srinivas Annavarapu, Chair of the Perinatal and Paediatric and Specialty Advisory Committee, and I met NHS England to discuss the best approach to tackling the workforce crisis in perinatal and paediatric pathology. NHSE is keen to deal with this issue and has been in touch with the College for advice.

NHSE has agreed to the following:

- To plan and produce guidance aiming to maximise the resources we have, to benefit the most people.
- There will be NHSE funding to support two teams of people, including some from the RCPaTh Specialty Advisory Committee, to oversee curriculum design and resource development and demand management.
- To recruit more staff, including from overseas, and work on retention of staff.

This work is now going ahead at pace, and we will also stay engaged with the [APPG on baby loss](#), and the [Maternity APPG](#), with updates on how things progress.

Government's Our Plan for Patients statement

The Government's plan outlines introducing quicker, easier access to diagnostic services through 160 Community Diagnostic Centres. However this will need significant new resources including pathology services and staffing. [Read more on the College website.](#)

I have also written to the new Health Secretary Therese Coffey to highlight the vital role pathology plays in healthcare and to ensure that the work of members is at the forefront of discussions in parliament. We have asked for a meeting with the Health Secretary and will pursue this.

Visit to Blackpool Hospital's Pathology lab

I was delighted to be invited to open the [new histopathology laboratory at Blackpool Hospital](#). It was an excellent trip and a fantastic opportunity to meet colleagues and discuss issues. I also met the mortuary and bereavement services team.

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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. We are now over half-way through the year and celebrations continue with events and activities across the UK. Visit the College website to [find out what's happening in your region](#).

Devolved nations regional council – Diamond Jubilee events

[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

Trainees' Research Medal Awards 2022

The College Research Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the Trainees' Research Medal Awards for 2022. The Trainees' Research Medals are awarded annually for outstanding research work undertaken by pathologists or scientists in training. Full details of the submission process, eligibility criteria and application form are available on the [website](#).

UK medical consultants: would you like training to attend an Advisory Appointment Committee (AAC) interview panel?

Are you an established consultant, i.e. more than 3 years in a substantive post, undertaking CPD, have equality and diversity training, and would be interested in representing the College on AACs?

If so, we have free licences for a half hour online training module. Ideally, we would like you to follow up the training by attending one AAC in the first 12 months. If you are interested, please contact: workforce@rcpath.org.

In recognition of the College representative's role, the College Professional Standards team has assigned 2 CPD points to each AAC attended by the College representatives.

Pathology Portal update

Following the successful launch of the first series of cytology, neuropathology, autopsy and forensic pathology as well as histopathology resources, the last few weeks have seen another 200 modules added, making over 1,950 resources available to members from world class editors and contributors. Please make your trainees aware of this very valuable resource.

Other areas are under active development; for example, there are already 47 parasitology lectures under the infection, microbiology, pathogen groups, parasites section, with the remainder of the infection section, haematology and other areas under very active development. For further information the link to the Pathology Portal pages and information on how to access the portal go to our [web page](#).

Service Spotlight blog: the cervical screening London (CSL) team at Health Services Laboratories

Our Service Spotlight blog series highlights pathology services that operate at an exceptional standard. For our [latest instalment](#), Dr Margaret Morgan, Consultant

Biomedical Scientist, Head of Cervical Screening Service at Health Services Laboratories LLP and winner of the RCPATH Achievements awards 2020 for significant contribution to her specialty, tells us about the advancements, challenges and the future of cervical screening.

Other blogs in the series include:

- [Innovation at Cambridge University Hospital](#)
- [Patient Care at the heart of the Liverpool Roald Dahl Haemostasis and Thrombosis Centre](#)
- [Patient Safety at the heart of the Oxford Anticoagulation Service](#)
- [Genomics at the Central & South NHS Genomic Laboratory Hub and West Midlands Regional Genetics Laboratory](#)

Diary Date – Educational Update 2022 meeting

This annual meeting will be held remotely on Friday 25 November 2022 at 10:00am to 12:00pm. This event is for trainers and assessors in chemical pathology, cellular pathology, medical microbiology and virology specialties. Trainers from the JRCPTB specialties are also welcome to attend. Further information will be available soon.

Deadline for CPD returns extended to 30 September 2022

The College recognises and appreciates the tremendous effort made by our members during the Covid pandemic.

In order to alleviate the pressure of submitting within the normal deadline, we have extended the 2021/2022 CPD deadline to 30 September 2022.

If you need more time to submit or have any queries, please contact the CPD Department: cpd@rcpath.org

New Publications

- [Tissue pathway for histopathological examination of the placenta](#)
- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of liver resection specimens \(including gallbladder\) and liver biopsies for primary and metastatic carcinoma](#)
- [Post-mortem examinations on individuals with implanted medical devices](#)
- [Tissue pathways for non-neoplastic thoracic pathology](#)

- [Best Practice Recommendation: The role of the cellular pathologist in the cancer multidisciplinary team](#)
- [National Medical Examiner's Good Practice Series 8: Out-of-hours arrangements](#)

College conferences and symposia

[RCPATH Virology Study Day – Virtual Meeting](#)

Wednesday 28 September 2022

CPD Credits: 4

This day has been devised for those working or interested in infection specialties including virology, microbiology, and infectious diseases. The programme should be of interest to all levels and aims to give trainees the opportunity for consultant led, interactive teaching to equip them with knowledge and skills for specialist medical microbiology and virology practice.

[RCPATH workshop: CNS tumour WHO 2021 and methylation profiling – update recommendations](#)

Friday 30 September 2022

CPD Credits: 6

This one-day workshop will provide a detailed update on the changes in the CNS tumour WHO 2021 classification covering diagnostic aspects of adult and paediatric brain tumours. The workshop will also address the advances in methylation profiling of intrinsic tumours as well as meningiomas. The workshop will be complemented by an interactive practical session where participants will have the opportunity to discuss the diagnostic approaches using CNS WHO 2021 classification and methylation profiling. The cases included in the interactive session will be available to view in a digital format prior, during and after the workshop for registered participants.

The target audience for this workshop are neuropathologists, pathologists, neurooncologists, neurosurgeons, neuroscientists and other healthcare professionals involved in adult and paediatric brain tumour diagnostics, treatment, or research.

[Advances in Transfusion Medicine - Virtual Event \(rcpath.org\)](#)

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.

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 mandatory 26 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 – In Person

Thursday 27 October 2022

To be held at the Royal College of Pathologists, 6 Alie Street, London, E1 8QT

CPD credits: 6

Medical examiner training session – Virtual Training

Wednesday 7 December 2022

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

Two new haematological malignancy diagnostic classifications

The publication of two new haematological malignancy diagnostic classifications: the World Health Organisation (WHO) 5th edition and the International Consensus Classification (ICC) is expected soon. The outlines have recently been published in *Leukemia* and *Blood*,

respectively. While for most part they agree and overlap with each other, the two classifications do differ in some areas. The British Society for Haematology (BSH) and British Lymphoma Pathology Group (BLPG) have been asked to help with this issue and want to provide some interim guidance for members, while planning formal definitive guidance. Please see [the guidance here](#).

Other external events of interest

29 September 2022

[Southwest Haemostasis and Thrombosis Meeting](#)

29 September 2022

[Bridging the clinical – research gap](#)

29–30 September 2022

[The 18th BAUP Advanced Prostate Pathology Course](#)

30 September 2022

[5th Cardiac Marker Dialogues meeting | Troponin in the Real World](#)

04 October 2022

[UK CLL Forum Clinical Sciences Day](#)

07 October 2022

[The Wessex & Gloucestershire Gastrointestinal Pathology Course](#)

7 October 2022

[CAR T Masterclass at UCLH](#)

10 October 2022

[Central Sterilising Club - Autumn Study Day 2022: Is Decontamination Sustainable?](#)

12 October 2022

[Into clinical practice: Meeting the challenges of Gram-negative infection management](#)

13 October 2022

[5th South West BMT Training Day](#)

14 October 2022

[UK EBMT Nurses and AHP Group](#)

17–20 October 2022

[How to design and deliver pathogen genomics training for health and research professionals](#)

19 October 2022

[Infection Clinical Dilemmas webinar: Intra-abdominal infections](#)

20 October 2022

[An introduction to guideline development](#)

01 November 2022
[BSBMTCT Education Day](#)

02 November 2022
[UK MDS Forum Education Day](#)

04 November 2022
[Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Advances 2022](#)

04 November 2022
[Birmingham Breast Pathology Update Course - Virtual course](#)

08–09 November 2022
[UKMedLab22](#)

09 November 2022
[UKMF Autumn Day](#)

14 November 2022
The ICR and RMH/BRC Stem Cell Transplant and Cellular Therapy in Haematological Malignancies Meeting – For more information, please contact: hannah.holmes@rmh.nhs.uk

20–25 November 2022
[Molecular Pathology and Diagnosis of Cancer Advanced Course](#)

23 November 2022
[26th London Lymphoma Forum](#)

25 November 2022
Consultant Pathologist AP Update Course - For more information, please contact: m.madigan1@nhs.net

05–08 December 2022
[British Society for Immunology Congress 2022](#)

10–11 January 2023
[BAUP Advanced Bladder Pathology Course](#)

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