

Celebrating our Diamond Jubilee

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President's newsletter – August 2022



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President's Message

Your College, Your Profession – Member Engagement Tour

When I became President, I highlighted the importance of returning the College to focus on its core functions. Having travelled around and attended meetings in all four nations of the UK during last 18 months you have told me there is more we could do to represent, support you and deliver value for money. As we emerge from the pandemic we can now focus on tackling these challenges and going forward this is my main priority.

This autumn, I will be leading a member engagement tour of the UK. This will give you the opportunity to tell us what you want and need from the College, how the College can further support the work of your service and what you think we need to do to further the development of the profession across all our specialties. There will be in person and online events which will be open to all members and we are very keen for everyone to have input into this important project.

- 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 \(rcpath.org\)](#)

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Free to use, the Pathology Portal includes a range of online and interactive educational resources. There are high-quality training materials that can be customised to individual needs, covering flexible and return-to-work training, and testing of learning.

The Pathology Portal currently features over 1,500 modules and initially covers cytology, autopsy pathology, neuropathology and histopathology,

The next phase of the Pathology Portal involves expanding the content for all pathology specialties. This project is underway. The Pathology Portal editorial board are keen to hear suggestions for content. Get in touch at pathologyportal@rcpath.org

On the agenda

Engaging parliamentarians and stakeholders

Autumn marks the start of the political party conference season. Professor Sarah Coupland, Vice President for Communications and I will be attending roundtable events at the Conservative and Labour party conferences. Organised by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, the events will highlight the needs of members with parliamentarians. The new Prime Minister and possibly a new Health Secretary will be in place so it will be a good opportunity to advocate for pathology services and raise pressing workforce issues.

We responded to the Health and Social Care Committee's reports '[Workforce: recruitment, training and retention in health and social care](#)' and the [Expert Panel: evaluation of Government's commitments in the area of the health and social care workforce in England](#). We have repeatedly called for real action from Government to address potentially catastrophic workforce issues to ensure patients receive the best care – impossible without the right diagnosis.

College Influence

I'm pleased to be speaking at a [Westminster Health Forum conference](#) on 7 November discussing next steps for cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care in England. I will be joining an excellent line up of speakers from organisations such as Macmillan Cancer Support, the Royal College of Radiologists and the UK National Screening Committee.

We helped promote a one-day conference, [Pathologists for Ukraine](#) that was organised by the German Division of International Academy of Pathology. All participation fees go to Ukrainian medical care and on-site diagnostics.

Five Clinical Directors – deadline extended to 30 August

Our Clinical Directors play a vital role in giving strategic pathology support to our Professionalism, Learning and Communications Directorates. We have vacancies in each directorate that offer College Fellows the opportunity to get involved in a number of exciting areas of work. To apply see [visit the College website](#).

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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](#).

RCPATH Open Day

The RCPATH Open Day aims to engage secondary school students in pathology. It is going ahead on 8 September (following the tube and rail strikes in June). With a Living Autopsy lecture by Dr Suzy Lishman CBE, hands on activities provided by pathologist volunteers across a range of specialties plus careers talks, we hope to enthuse the pathologists of the future!

Lands End to John O'Groats sponsored bike ride

College Vice President, Professor Sarah, Coupland will be setting out on this epic cycle ride organised by Cycle Retreats and CRUK on 13 September. Aiming to raise awareness of pathologists' vital role in patient care, and funds for CRUK, the event is kindly sponsored by Sonic Healthcare UK.

[RCPATH/Specialist Society Medical Elective small grant scheme](#)

The College is delighted to announce a new RCPATH/Specialist Society Medical Elective small grant scheme, launched to mark the College's Diamond Jubilee.

The scheme is jointly funded by the College and partner societies and will offer grants of up to £1,000. The grants will help to support undergraduate medical and veterinary students who wish to undertake electives in pathology disciplines.

Electives may be clinical or research-based and may be undertaken in any part of the world.

A minimum of £500 must be used for student travel and subsistence with the remaining amount being spent flexibly for project-related costs such as consumables, or for student costs, as appropriate for the project. [Applications for this year are now open](#). The closing date is Friday 9

September 2022. Successful candidates will be informed in October 2022.

Devolved nations regional council – Diamond Jubilee events

RCPATH Scotland 60th Anniversary Symposium: What has pathology ever done for us?

25 November 2022 (Save the date)

Further information will follow.

Working for members

Patient Safety Awareness campaign (starting) 15 September 2022

The College will be launching a live [webinar](#) to support this year's campaign.

The aim of this campaign is to give College members an insight into the various areas of antimicrobial implication and the association of medication related harm across different specialties and its importance in patient safety, encourage cross-specialty participation and provide opportunities for learning.

You can find out more, including viewing our new patient safety bulletins on [the website](#).

Join the conversation on social media (using #PatientSafetyAware).

Pathology Standards – Webinar Series on Guidance for Implementation

Register for our [next free bite sized webinar](#) on implementation guidance for reporting of uveal melanoma – Thursday 1 September 2022 1:00pm – 1.45pm

1 CPD credit

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 global 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

Visiting the Royal College of Physicians Medicinal Garden

The Royal College of Physicians' garden contains [over 1,100 plants](#), all with links to medicine. The plants come from diverse cultures, different countries with living examples of the history of medicine from the era of the pyramids of Egypt to today's life-saving prescription drugs. The garden has been beautifully designed and is a wonderfully calm space opposite Regent's Park in the centre of London.

We are delighted to have a date for RCPATH members to attend the garden tour on the following date:

- Wednesday 24 August (2pm to 3.30pm).

There is no charge but spaces are limited. Please contact publicengagementnet@rcpath.org if you are interested in joining these tours 15 August (family of College members are also welcome to join if spaces available).

Get involved at the College

National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) Steering Group – Fellow representative

The College is seeking to appoint a Fellow to act as its representative on the NCEPOD Steering Group.

The commitment is 3 meetings per year, with additional interaction via email in between.

If you would like to be considered for this role, please contact Richard Sams, Business Administration Officer via registrar@rcpath.org. Expressions of interest should be received by Friday 19 August.

The successful appointee will be required to attend the next Steering Group meeting on 10 November 2022.

Chair vacancy - Toxicology Specialty Advisory Committee

Why should I apply?

The Royal College of Pathologists 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 Toxicology Specialty Advisory Committee advises the College Council on matters concerning toxicology in the UK. Further details about the role can be found in the role description below. We would particularly welcome nominations from eligible Fellows from all backgrounds since representation at senior levels in the College does not reflect the wealth of diversity of our members.

How to apply

Visit the volunteering opportunities page on the College website at: [Chair, Toxicology Specialty Advisory Committee \(rcpath.org\)](#) and submit your application to Louise.Mair@rcpath.org by Tuesday, 30 August 2022.

New publications

Two guidelines are available online for consultation. We invite your feedback via the [documents in development](#) tool.

- [G108 Tissue pathway for histopathological examination of the placenta](#) (closes 25 August 2022).
- [G117 Post-mortem examination in patients with cerebrovascular disease](#) (closes 17 August 2022).

Regional news

Regional Surgeries in England

A series of 'surgeries' will be held over the next few months, where all members in the region are warmly invited to meet with their Regional Representative via a Microsoft Teams virtual session. This will be an open time for Regional Representatives to meet with you and hear of your work, areas of concern and points of interest that you wish to raise. These are planned to be held in the time before College Council meets to present the region's interests and concerns to this body. These surgeries are hopefully also an opportunity for you to meet via Teams with colleagues across your region.

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- **South of England surgery:** Tuesday 9th August 2022, 10am-11.30am – *led by Dr Negar Maghsoodi (negar.maghsoodi@rcpath.org), English Regional Representative to Council (South)*
- **Midlands and East of England surgery:** Friday 12 August 2022, 10am-12pm – *led by Dr Laszlo Igali (laszlo.igali@rcpath.org), English Regional Representative to Council (Midlands and East of England)*
- **North of England surgery:** Friday 2nd September 2022, 12.30pm-2pm – *led by Dr Ali Robb (ali.robb@rcpath.org), English Regional Representative to Council (North of England)*

College conferences and symposia

[Not in the textbooks study day – Virtual Meeting](#)

Tuesday 27 September 2022

CPD credits: 6

The study day is a unique opportunity for trainees in all pathology disciplines, at all stages of training who want to gain more insight into important issues that they are likely to face in the future, that are not easily learnt, and that are not necessarily covered by the curriculum. A day to learn about topics which are routinely 'not in the textbooks.'

[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

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 – Virtual Training](#)

Wednesday 31 August 2022

CPD credits: 6

[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](#)

Friday 23 September 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

Advancing Healthcare Awards Wales 2022

The awards are open for nominations for AHPs and healthcare scientists working across Wales.

The awards are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the important and innovative work of allied health professionals and healthcare scientists across Wales. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony lunch on Friday 18 November at the Sophia Gardens, Cardiff. The closing date for entries is 17.00 Wednesday 21 September 2022. For more information and to enter visit [AHA Wales](#).

Other external events of interest

05 September 2022

[Histopathology of the Bone Marrow](#)

16 September 2022

[St Mark's GI Histopathology workshop](#)

22-26 September 2022

[FIS/HIS International Conference 2022](#)

26 September – 17 October 2022

[Virtual Lymphoma Management Course 2022](#)

27 – 28 September 2022

[Infection 360](#)

29 September 2022

[Southwest Haemostasis and Thrombosis Meeting](#)

29 – 30 September 2022

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

30 September 2022

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

07 October 2022

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

10 October 2022

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

17-20 October 2022

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

20 October 2022

[An introduction to guideline development](#)

04 November 2022

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

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](#)

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