



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

President's e-newsletter – November 2016



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President's Messages of the Month

Welcome to the November e-newsletter. This month I particularly wanted to highlight two collaborative initiatives involving the College.

Choosing Wisely

Many of you will have seen media coverage of [Choosing Wisely](#), which is part of a global initiative aimed at improving conversations between patients and their doctors. The aim is to avoid tests, treatments or procedures that are unlikely to be of benefit.

The [first list](#) of forty treatments and procedures of little or no benefit was launched last month, having been drawn up by the Academy's member royal colleges and faculties. The list, which includes [examples from the College](#), details advice to both patients and doctors.

Improving the health of people with serious mental illness (SMI)

Nearly half (46%) of people with SMI have a long-term physical health condition and are at risk of losing on average 10-20 years of their lifespan due to physical ill-health.

The need for the partnership report, [Improving the physical health of adults with severe mental illness: essential actions](#), was first identified by former College President, Dr Archie Prentice, who was also instrumental in helping to bring it to fruition.

The report makes practical recommendations for changes that will help adults with SMI to receive the same standards of physical healthcare as the general population.

National Pathology Week: 7-13 November

With National Pathology Week nearly upon us, I wanted to highlight the fantastic range of [events](#) that will be taking place across the UK over the next week. From [The Art of Pathology](#) in Liverpool to [A Hitchhiker's Guide To Leukaemia](#) in Cambridge, college members will be running events aimed at people of all ages to improve public awareness and understanding of pathology and the important contribution pathologists make to healthcare.

There's still time to get involved in NPW, either as an individual or as part of a team. You can [download resources](#), [register your event](#) and [order promotional materials](#) to help you organise and enhance your event.

You can also join in by changing your social media profile picture to a photo of you wearing a lab coat. Tweet us [@RCPath](#) #NPW2016 or post on our [Facebook page](#).

I, along with College Council and several members of staff, will be in Newcastle for NPW. As part of our initiative to engage with members outside London, we will be in the city for a series of events including virtual autopsies, school visits, a council meeting and the Annual General Meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you next week.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Alie Street blog – November

The demolition of The Goodman Building is near completion. Read more at [November Alie Street blog](#)

[Path To Success Training Day](#)

12 November, Copthorne Hotel, Newcastle

As part of National Pathology Week, the School of Laboratory Medicine, Health Education North East and the College's Trainee Advisory Committee have organised a training day for undergraduates, F1s/F2s/CMTs.

The day will include:

- Pathology battle
- How to improve your diagnostic skills
- Workshops - quality improvement, communication & media, going out of programme, resilience and preparing your application

Please encourage local medical students and junior doctors to attend. [Book Path to Success](#)

Professional Standards – Invited reviews

The College offers an invited reviews service to healthcare organisations that have concerns about the performance of an individual or of a service/department. For more information, please see: [Professional Standards invited reviews](#)

GET INVOLVED IN THE COLLEGE

England Regional Council (ERC) Regional Advisor for South West and Thames Valley

Applications are now invited for two England Regional Council (ERC) Regional Advisor posts to take up office from the College's Annual General Meeting in November 2016 for a period of three years (backdated). The current Regional Advisor vacancies are for the South West and Thames Valley.

Applicants should submit a completed nomination form to jessica.zago@rcpath.org by 30 November 2016 together with an abridged CV and a personal statement of up to 200 words indicating your strengths and interests, including any relevant experience. For more information please visit: [ERC Regional Advisor](#)

Please note that these are draft documents and are subject to further changes following feedback from the England Regional Council.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers from any speciality to facilitate the following events:

Exploring 'The Big Five'

Saturday 3 December 2016, Kettering General Hospital

An event aimed at prospective and current medical students, as well as foundation year doctors. The organisers are looking for volunteers to deliver talks and hands-on practical sessions that explore the role of pathology in medicine and the science behind *The Big Five* organs of the human body. Volunteers are needed for the following sessions:

- Introductory plenary talk covering the importance of understanding pathology in medicine
- Running specimen workshops on the brain, heart, lungs, skin, GI system
- Second plenary talk covering a career in pathology

SciBArS event in the North West

[SciBArS](#) is an informal talk where scientists present their work or research to an adult audience and then lead a discussion. The North West branch of SciBArS is looking for pathologists to talk for no more than 30 minutes at their pub events in the region.

If you are interested in taking part in either event, or know someone who may want to participate, please contact: amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org

14th Schools Science Conference

Wednesday 26 April 2017, University of Westminster, London

The organisers of the annual Schools Science Conference are looking for volunteers to host pathology stands at the conference on 26 April 2017. The stands are an opportunity to engage students aged 13-16 with different careers in science. If you are interested, please contact sharon.gage@srgprojectmanagement.co.uk

Free Science Communication Training

Thursday 23 March 2017, Royal College of Psychiatrists, London

Booking has opened for the next session of the College's popular Science Communication Training. Run by Karen Davies from the Science Museum, the day is an excellent opportunity to learn how to work with different audiences and create events to meet specific aims and objectives. For more information visit [Science Communication Training](#). E: amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

International Pathology Day (IPD) 2016 – 16 November

To coincide with IPD, the College will be hosting an international roundtable in partnership with [The Pathologist](#) magazine. Chaired by Fedra Pavlou, Editorial Director at The Pathologist, roundtable participants will discuss the strengthening of pathology education and training in low and middle-income countries. The discussion will be streamed live over the internet and pathologists all over the world will be able to participate via the roundtable's webinar platform. To register your interest for this event, please email international@rcpath.org

If you are planning any activities or events for IPD 2016, then we would like to hear from you. Please get in touch at international@rcpath.org

COLLEGE CONSULTATIONS

[New consultations on College datasets](#)

- Dataset for the histopathological reporting of carcinomas of the pancreas, ampulla of Vater and common bile duct (3e) – open until 30 November
- Dataset for histopathology reporting of soft tissue sarcomas (4e) – abridged consultation open until 15 November

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[Neuroimmunology update for Neurologists and Immunologists](#)

Friday 11 November 2016

To be held at The Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 66-68 East Smithfield, London E1 1AW

The day aims to provide an update on the pathogenesis and treatment of several immune-mediated neurological disorders including autoimmune encephalitis, paraneoplastic syndromes and MS. Full programme to follow shortly.

[An update on infections during pregnancy - A Joint RCOG/RCPATH meeting](#)

Monday 14 November 2016

**To be held at The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4RG**

A number of pathogens can infect pregnant women and harm the fetus or lead to the loss of the pregnancy. Current knowledge and awareness of the screening, prevention and treatment of some of these infections among healthcare professionals is variable. In addition, practice and recommendations are constantly changing, eg pertussis vaccine in pregnancy. This one-day course is aimed at trainees, obstetricians, midwives, GPs, sonographers and neonatologists. It will provide a comprehensive update on the management of infections during pregnancy, including screening, diagnosis, prevention, complications and treatment.

Advances in Transfusion Medicine

Thursday 24 & Friday 25 November 2016

10 CPD credits both days

The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE

This two-day meeting organised on behalf of the College brings together experts from various clinical disciplines with leaders in transfusion science to provide a broad overview of current key developments informing evidence based practice. Also included as part of the programme is the College Foundation Lecture emphasising the increasing importance of blood group genomics and application to clinical practice.

Clinical Trials for Pathologists

Friday 9 December 2016

To be held at Coin Street Conference Centre, 108 Stamford Street, London, SE1 9NH

This is a one-day course for pathologists who are interested in contributing to, or developing, leadership skills in clinical trials and translational research. The course will consist of a mixture of lectures, small group discussions and interactive 'break-out' sessions with faculty members.

Liver Biopsy in the Assessment of Medical Liver Disease

Friday 17 March 2017

5 CPD credits

To be held at The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 21 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB

This course will provide a practical diagnostic approach to reporting medical liver biopsies, focusing on the importance of clinico-pathological correlation in assessing common patterns of liver damage. Recommended for senior trainees in pathology and hepatology and consultant histopathologists and gastroenterologists who are regularly involved in liver biopsy assessment (without necessarily working in a Liver Unit).

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Support Around Death – two films about post mortems

[This NHS Education for Scotland website](#) aims to support healthcare staff who are working with patients, carers and families before, at, and after death. It provides key information on the clinical, legislative, and practical issues involved.

Two films about post mortems created for healthcare professionals form part of a range of other animations and resources available on the website, which provides information to those who work with patients around the end of life and with those who are bereaved.

- [Discussing Authorised \(Hospital\) Post Mortem Examination After Stillbirth or Neonatal Death](#)
- [Discussing Adult Authorised \(Hospital\) Post Mortem Examination](#)

The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) – Call for new screening topics

[UK NSC](#) has issued its [annual call for new screening topics](#). This is an opportunity for any individual, group or organisation to submit a proposal for a condition which they think should have its own screening programme, but has not been considered by the UK NSC in the past. Closing date - Monday 9 January 2017.

CM-Path - Academic & molecular pathology - consultants survey

The new National Cancer Research Institute initiative in cellular molecular pathology, [CM-Path](#), is conducting a survey for all UK-based pathology consultants to identify attitudes towards academic medicine.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete. All results will be anonymised and treated confidentially. Visit: [CM-Path survey](#)

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

For a list of external conferences see:

<https://www.rcpath.org/profession/conferences/event.html>

[Advances In Clinical Analysis 2016](#)

30 November 2016

The London Haematopathology Course: A practical integrated approach to the diagnosis of haematological malignancies

1 – 3 March 2017

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[British Society for Medical Mycology Annual Conference 2017](#)

19-21 March 2017

[Diagnostic Histopathology of Breast Disease](#)

15-19 May 2017

[WEQAS Scheme User Group Meeting and Seminar](#)

13th-14th December 2016

