



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

President's e-newsletter – July 2017



President's Messages of the Month

Welcome to the July e-newsletter.

Chief Medical Officer's Report

The [College endorses](#) CMO Professor Dame Sally Davies' vision outlined in her independent annual report, *Generation Genome*, agreeing that genomics has the potential to radically improve health.

We also support patients having access to appropriate molecular tests, irrespective of where they live. However, not all NHS pathology laboratories have the facilities to process tissue for molecular testing, so investment will be required to update equipment and appoint appropriate staff.

The College will continue to highlight the need for investment in pathology workforce and equipment.

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Guidance on assessment of competence against ISO 15189

Following concerns raised by several members we have issued guidance about the demonstration of competence against the ISO 15189 standard and clarified the role of interpretive EQA and referral for second opinion.

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National Pathology Week: 6-12 November

Plans are under way for [National Pathology Week 2017](#). This year's theme is *Pathology in the Community*, with pathology professionals being encouraged to engage with local schools, charities and other organisations. The College will be running

events throughout the week as well as providing resources to help you plan your own event. You can [register your own event](#) to be in with a chance of winning £100 in our event registration prize draw.

Voting opens today

Voting in the College's election for the roles of Vice-President, Registrar and members of College Council opens today and close on 25 August. You should receive an email with details of how to vote from the Electoral Reform Services (ERS) by the end of the day. If you do not receive the email, please contact elections2017@rcpath.org.

Please take some time to read the statements of the nominees and carefully consider who you believe best represents your interests and those of the College. This is your opportunity to influence the future leaders of your College – please use your vote.

I hope you have some time off over the summer and enjoy a wonderful break with your families.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Request for examples of innovation and best practice across the chemical pathology and histopathology workforces

Health Education England (HEE) is working with the College, the Institute of Biomedical Science and the Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine, to address issues relating to the development of the pathology workforce. As part of this work, they are looking for local examples of workforce innovation and best practice. The initial focus of this work is on the chemical pathology and histopathology workforces, considering the role of the healthcare scientist as well as the medical workforce.

Please share examples of innovative ways of working. Suggestions include, but are not restricted to, examples of:

- skill mix and role expansion
- innovative local solutions to address workforce gaps
- how training capacity has been increased to deliver training within service
- workforce adaptation and development to address IT and technological changes

In your response please provide a summary of your local arrangements and outline what you perceive to have worked well and what hasn't worked well.

To respond to this request please download and complete [this form](#) and email it to workforceplanning@rcpath.org by 31 August 2017.

Retired Fellows' Lunch

Tickets are now available for the Retired Fellows' Lunch on 10 October 2017. This lunch is open to all fellows formally registered as retired with the College. It will be held at Villandry, 12 Waterloo Place, London SW1Y 4AU.

This is an opportunity for retired fellows to meet old friends and perhaps make new acquaintances and follows on from the successful lunches held previously. Tickets are priced at £60 for a three-course lunch with wine. Please visit:

[Retired Fellows' Lunch.](#)

GET INVOLVED IN THE COLLEGE

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Competitions

- The College's [Medical Undergraduate Essay Competition](#) is now open. This year's topic is *The role of IT in pathology*. The winner will have their entry published in *The Bulletin* and receive £200 prize money.
- We are also inviting entries for our [Art of Pathology Competition](#). This year's theme is *Patterns in Pathology*. The competition is open to

entrants of all ages. The winner will receive £50 and have their work displayed on our website.

For more details on all of the competitions and how to apply please see [our website](#).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The Southall family take on the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 Challenge for the College!

College fellow, Dr Peter Southall, a consultant cellular pathologist at Jersey General Hospital, will be representing #TeamRCPath along with his four sons, William, Edward, Adam and James at the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100, later this month.

Keen cyclists, Dr Southall and his sons are hoping to raise £1,500 for the College's efforts to help Mubende Regional Referral Hospital in Uganda to establish a blood donation and transfusion service. Each member of the Southall family will cycle a total of 100 miles!

The Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 will take place on Sunday 30 July 2017. If you would like to support #TeamSouthall, please visit their donation page at: <https://mydonate.bt.com/teams/southall>

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- [G151 Industrial lung disease deaths guidelines](#)
- [G161 - Guidelines on autopsy practice: Fetal autopsy \(2nd trimester fetal loss and termination of pregnancy for congenital anomaly\)](#)
- [G160: Guidelines on autopsy practice: Third Trimester Antepartum and Intrapartum Stillbirth](#)
- [Tissue pathway for histopathological examination of the placenta](#)

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

National Infection Update 2017

Friday 15 September 2017

CPD Credits: 5

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

This day has been devised as an infection update for those working or interested in infection specialties including microbiology, virology and infectious diseases. It is suitable for both trainees and consultants to equip them with knowledge and skills for specialist practice, assessment and continuing professional development.

Cytopathology Study Day

Monday 18 September 2017

CPD: 5 Credits

**To be held in in the General Classroom, Hodgkin Building, KCL,
Guy's Hospital, Great Maze Pond, London SE1 9RT**

This one-day meeting will discuss a selection of specimen types with challenging morphology and the role of emerging terminologies and ancillary tests. Reporting terminologies for salivary gland and thyroid are among the highlights of the meeting. Microscopy sessions will include these as well as a range of other cytology samples including breast, pancreas, EBUS, urine and serous fluid cytology. This study day is aimed at trainees and consultants in cytopathology, particularly those newly qualified or interested in updating their knowledge.

Gynaecological Pathology reporting: What really matters - When and Why

Monday 16 October 2017

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

6 CPD Credits

It is important for histopathologists to understand the clinical significance of their reports and how a data item that is critical in one clinical scenario may be entirely irrelevant in another setting. This novel study day aimed at senior trainees and consultant histopathologists will explain how gynaecological pathology data is used to guide patient management as well as discussing the significance of each data item in different clinical scenarios and specimen types. The course will enable attendees to adopt a more efficient personalised approach to histopathology reporting by focusing on accurately reporting data items that are clinically relevant in a particular case.

Gastrointestinal Pathology: Diagnosis and recent advances

Wednesday 22 November 2017

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

CPD Credits: 5

This is a one-day course, comprising an update and review of gastrointestinal (GI) pathology. It should be suitable for specialist GI pathologists, consultants with a GI pathology interest, and relatively senior trainees. The speakers include two internationally recognised and highly distinguished experts, Dr Robert Odze from the United States and Dr Karel Geboes from Belgium. Also on the programme are several very experienced UK-based GI pathologists. Emphasis is on the histological diagnosis and classification of non-neoplastic and neoplastic disease, and on clinicopathological correlation.

First Bi-Annual UK Endocrine Pathology Society/Royal College of Pathologists Endocrine Pathology Update

Friday 2 and Saturday 3 February 2018

**To be held at: Royal College of General Practitioners, 30 Euston Square,
London, NW1 2FB**

CPD credits: 8

This meeting will be aimed at consultants with a special interest (or aiming to specialise) in endocrine pathology and will also be suitable for trainees approaching FRCPath Part 2. The faculty includes nationally and internationally recognised experts in endocrine pathology and oncology.

Liver Biopsy in the Assessment of Medical Liver Disease 'NEW'

Friday 23 February 2018

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

CPD Credits: 5

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

Have your say on immunology careers

The British Society for Immunology (BSI) wants to map the career progression of people who studied immunology, or considered themselves as an immunologist at one point in their career, to help understand how they built their careers, which sectors they went into and what challenges they faced. Please see their BSI survey at <http://bit.ly/BSIcareers>. Further information also available on the [BSI website](#).

Health Foundation's Advancing Applied Analytics

The Health Foundation's new programme Advancing Applied Analytics is now open for applications. See: [HF AAA programme](#). £400,000 of funding is available to support up to six projects across the UK.

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Senior Investigators - 11th annual competition launched

Funding will be awarded for three, four or five year appointments upon recommendation of an independent selection panel. Selected Senior Investigators will receive a discretionary research award of £15,000 per annum payable to their employer. Research Capability Funding (RCF) payments of £75,000 per annum are also made to the Senior Investigator's associated NHS organisation to accompany the appointment. The award is designed to fund activities that support Senior Investigators' research.

Leading researchers funded by the NIHR and who are employed by an NHS Trust, university or charity based in England, are encouraged to apply. NIHR Research Professors reaching the end of their term are also invited to apply; providing their term ends by 01 April 2018.

For more information, please visit: [NIHR website](#) Closing date is 1pm on Wednesday 23 August 2017. Notification of outcome March 2018.

Also see the [guidance for applicants](#) for details on eligibility and criteria and how to complete the application form online.

Annual RCPATH Dermatopathology Study Day

The Annual RCPATH Dermatopathology Study Day is being postponed until next year as the Symposium of the International Society for Dermatopathology is being held in the UK this year in Glasgow from 28-30 Sep 2017. Please see www.isdp2017.com for programme and registration. This symposium has been approved for up to 27 RCPATH CPD credits.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

[Tissue Handling Workshop](#) - 19 July- joint conference

This is a collaborative event between NHS England, Genomics England and The Royal College of Pathologists. The challenges of collecting fresh tissue and the impact on other laboratory processes will be discussed. Prof Gianni Bussolati will be giving a guest lecture on his experience of removing formalin from theatres and the use of vacuum packing in Turin. The day is aimed at pathologists but all are welcome.

- [UK Myeloma Forum Autumn Day](#) – 9 November 2017
- [4th Digital Pathology Congress](#) – 30 November-1 December 2017

