



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

President's E-newsletter – November 2015



President's Messages of the Month

November has been a very busy month so I decided to send this e-newsletter a little later than usual to include links to some of the highlights.

Junior doctor contracts

As you'll be aware, junior doctors have voted overwhelmingly to take industrial action on three dates in December. I have been in close contact with the College's Trainees' Advisory Committee and issued a [statement](#) last week on the latest developments. I also contributed to a statement issued by the [Academy of Medical Royal Colleges](#). It is regrettable that negotiations have not yet allowed a fair and safe contract to be agreed. Junior doctors have the right to take industrial action and I am sure that their senior colleagues will do what they can to cover emergency activity to minimise harm to patients.

New College Website

I hope by now you will have noticed that our new [College website](#) has gone live. Developed with input from members at every stage, it has been designed to be viewed on all devices



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including tablets and smartphones. Your log-in details are the same as for the previous website and you can personalise your *MyRCPath* area with content that's of particular interest to you. We have worked hard to improve the navigation and introduced a single login for easy access to LEPT and CPD.

The site has been designed to be easily updated and adapted. We are aware of a few minor glitches but would welcome your feedback and opinions on rcpath@rcpath.org.

National Pathology Week 2-8 November 2015

National Pathology Week (NPW) 2015 saw hundreds of events take place across the UK to celebrate the vital contribution pathology makes to healthcare, with a focus on molecular pathology. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who participated and helped make the week another huge success.

In the run up to NPW the College hosted an interactive exhibition in parliament run by members and College staff. Hundreds of people visited the exhibition, including school groups, members of the public, 44 MPs (including the Secretary of State for Health) and over a dozen peers. I would particularly like to thank Lord Hunt of King's Heath and Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, for sponsoring the exhibition and speaking at the opening.

Pathology and the NHS Five Year Forward View

On 2 November we launched a response to the [NHS Five Year Forward View](#) (5YFV), which proposes a broad and far-reaching strategy to address the major challenges facing England's health services.

[Pathology and the NHS Five Year Forward View](#) sets out five key pathology-related priorities that we

believe are particularly important for patient care and safety and underpin many of the changes proposed.

International Pathology Day - 18 November

The second [International Pathology Day](#) took place on 18 November, with events taking place around the world to highlight the contribution of pathology to global healthcare. Events were held in countries including the UK, Australia, Canada, USA, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Pakistan, India, Germany and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The College hosted a conference at the King's Fund in London, with a wide range of speakers and audience members.

My final e-newsletter of the year will be circulated just before Christmas.

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COLLEGE NEWS

College relocation – update on new premises

In September, the College submitted plans to Tower Hamlets Council for the redevelopment of the Goodman Building. A response is expected in the new year. You can see details of some of the plans here – [Alie Street November blog post](#). You can also read about the background to the College's relocation [here](#).

The Furness Prize for Science Communication 2015 – deadline Sunday 6 December 2015

We are seeking nominations for the Furness Prize 2015. This award is for a pathology trainee who has contributed significantly to the field of science communication over a sustained period of time. This can include developing resources for schools, running outreach events, and encouraging colleagues to take part in science communication activities. Candidates can either nominate themselves or be nominated by a colleague. Visit: [Furness Prize](#). The deadline for nominations is Sunday 6 December 2015.

RCPATH guidelines on staffing and workload for histopathology and cytopathology departments

The RCPATH Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) on Cellular Pathology invites applications from cellular pathologists in the UK to participate in the Working Group (WG) to revise the RCPATH guidelines on staffing and workload for histopathology and cytopathology departments, published in 2012.

The working group will be chaired by Dr Richard Carr with oversight from the SAC on Cellular Pathology chaired by Dr Anne Thorpe.

Applicants are asked to write a short statement of no more than 400 words, indicating their interest, relevant experience and how they see the guidelines developing.

Please submit applications by 31 December 2015 to the Committee Administrator charlotte.balazs@rcpath.org

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

13th Annual Schools Science Conference

The College is partnering once again with the Schools Science Conference Committee for the annual [Schools Science Conference](#) on Wednesday 20 April 2016 and we would like to invite you to take part by hosting a stand. The interactive stands are an opportunity to demonstrate different scientific careers. Volunteers will be provided with a table and poster board (if required). If you are interested in taking part, please contact Sharon Gage at sharon.gage@srgprojectmanagement.co.uk

Free Science Communication Training

Thursday 11 February 2016, The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London.

Run by Karen Davies from the Science Museum, the session will provide an excellent opportunity to gain experience in organising events and working with different audiences.

For information on the terms and conditions visit [Science Communication Training](#). To book your place or for more information please contact Amaka: amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org.

COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES

Trainee representative for haematology

A position is available for a trainee representative to act as alternate for the Intercollegiate Committee on Haematology (ICH)/Trainees Advisory Committee (TAC). For more information please contact the committee administrator: diana.maxwell@rcpath.org

Cellular Pathology sub-specialty advisor in gynaecological pathology

Professor Glenn McCluggage is completing his five-year term of office and College Fellows with a particular interest and expertise in this sub-specialty are invited to apply for this post.

Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) on Pre/Perinatal/Paediatric Pathology -

paediatric medical microbiology/virology representative

Dr Sheila Waugh is completing her three-year term of office and College Fellows with an interest and experience in paediatric medical

microbiology/virology are invited to apply for this post. The Committee meets twice a year in London.

Application process for both vacancies:

For job descriptions for either post, please contact Committee Administrator charlotte.balazs@rcpath.org.

To apply, please email a copy of your CV with a short statement detailing your suitability for the post to charlotte.balazs@rcpath.org by Friday 27 November 2015.

COLLEGE PUBLICATIONS

New publications

- [Standards for specialist laboratory integration and Dataset for the histopathological reporting of lymphomas \(2nd edition\)](#)
- [Renal tumours in childhood \(2nd edition\)](#)

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Full details at: <http://www.rcpath.org/meetings/college-conferences>

Screening Day

Thursday 26 November 2015

5 CPD Credits

To be held at: St James University Hospital, Clinical Sciences building, Leeds, LS9 7TF

This day has a dual purpose: to highlight the successes of National Screening programmes, discuss how they should develop and to celebrate the work of Professor Julietta Patnick CBE, who has achieved so much over the years in establishing and running screening programmes. She has been an excellent example of what the health service can achieve through excellent management, professional engagement and leadership. This meeting is dedicated to her work.

Gynaecological Pathology – Putting Virtual Microscopy to the Test

Friday 22 January 2016

6 CPD Credits

Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE

Histopathologists have to work with digital images and virtual microscopy for consultations, web based external quality assurance schemes and e-learning resources. How challenging is this and how ready are histopathologists to adopt this work on a larger scale?

This day is an opportunity to put this question to the test through practical, interactive virtual microscopy sessions in the field of gynaecological pathology. This conference will be useful for histopathology consultants as well as trainees.

Liver Biopsy in the Assessment of Medical Liver Disease

Monday 29 February 2016

5 CPD Credits

The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 21 Prescott 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).

Combined RCPATH/BNS Neuropathology/Neuro-Oncology Meeting

Wednesday 11 May 2016

6 CPD Credits

The King's Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0AN

This conference has been designed to correspond with the release of the latest update of the WHO classification of CNS tumours. The day will provide a practical approach to the diagnosis of CNS tumours, focusing on the interpretation of new molecular tests and their integration into the overall classification of the patient's tumour.

Urology reporting: What really matters – When and Why

Monday 20 June 2016

6 CPD Credits

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

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 uropathology data is used to guide patient management and discuss 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 focussing on accurately reporting data items that are clinically relevant in a particular case.

Dates for your diary – further details to follow

Joint Trainee Day for Microbiologists & Histopathologists – Wednesday
20 April 2016

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Human Tissue Authority members

The Secretary of State for Health is looking to appoint up to five members to the Human Tissue Authority. Members are being sought from a range of backgrounds including pathology, or histopathology (which is essential for one of the posts). For more information, please visit the [Public Appointments website](#)

Want to be part of a national initiative to shape cancer pathology research in the UK?

More than half a million pounds from National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) Partners has been committed to a new five year NCRI initiative, Cellular Molecular Pathology (CM-Path), which aims to boost the UK's academic research activity in cellular molecular pathology. NCRI is currently recruiting a chairperson, four workstream leads and volunteer roles. Please visit www.ncri.org.uk/initiatives/pathology. Closing date for the applications - Sunday 6 December 2015.

Discount offer from Elsevier

From Tuesday 8 December 2015 – Monday 4 January 2016, College Fellows, Affiliates and Registered Trainees can receive an exclusive 30% discount (off RRP price) on all books and eBooks. Visit [Elsevier Health](#) and enter code 45373 at the checkout.

Social Mobility Foundation – offer support to the next generation of medics

The Social Mobility Foundation (SMF) is a charity that aims to make a practical improvement in social mobility for high-achieving young

people from low-income backgrounds.

SMF is looking for medical professionals to get involved and provide support by e-mentoring a student and/or providing a short work placement.

E-mentors support sixth formers by giving them the opportunity to have a 1:1 relationship with a medical professional who can communicate with them for 15-30 minutes every two weeks, predominately via email. Mentors advise students on a range of topics: increasing understanding of careers and professional life, university applications and helping access more opportunities.

To take part complete this short form [here](#) or for more information go to [ways to get involved at the SMF](#) or please contact employers@socialmobility.org.uk

Seasonal flu vaccination, 2014/15

The Department of Health recommends all health workers should be vaccinated against influenza. The vaccine should be freely available from your employer. For more information visit: [NHS Flu Fighter campaign](#)

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

For a list of external conferences see:

<https://www.rcpath.org/resource-library-homepage/conferences/event.html>

**Joint Chemical Pathology Consultant and SpR Club
4 December, Postgraduate Centre of University Hospital
Birmingham.**

For further information, contact Kate and/or Mayur at:
kate.shipman@doctors.net.uk and mayur.patel@ouh.nhs.uk.

Next steps for cancer care in Wales – access, research and policy priorities

26 January 2016, Cardiff

With - Dr Chris Jones, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales
<http://www.policyforumforwales.co.uk/forums/agenda/cancer-care-wales-2015-agenda.pdf>

The London Haematopathology Course: A practical integrated approach to the diagnostic haematopathology

9-11 March 2016, The Royal London Hospital

Course fee: £250 (trainees) and £350 (consultants). For further details and booking, please email maria.calaminici@bartshealth.nhs.uk or haematopathology@gmail.com