The Royal College of Pathologists
Pathology: the science behind the cure

From Corpuscles to Corpses
- what pathologists really do

Event title	Corpuscles to Corpses - what pathologists really do.
Venue	Local schools.
Target audience	Variable-some year 10 groups, some year 11, 12 and 13.
Objectives	To highlight the role of pathology in health care, offer career guidance, and illustrate choices in medicine.
Age range	14 -18 years.
How was the event advertised?	Letters written to all science teachers and careers teachers in Belfast area offering to visit the school.
Number attending	Variable -from 10 to whole year group (200).
Booking required?	Yes - mutually convenient dates agreed with school.
Length of event	From 30 minutes to 2 hours - variable.
Refreshments provided?	Various schools provided lunch, boxes of chocolates, coffee etc.
Equipment needed	PowerPoint presentation on USB stick - schools all provided data projector.
People needed	Volunteer pathologists.
Printed material used	National Pathology Week questionnaire sent round beforehand to determine level of knowledge about the role of pathologists.
Room set up	Teaching classroom, school library or hall.
Event programme	There were several versions of the lecture, one short, one long, one more aimed at medicine in general as a career choice and one aimed at pathology as a career choice. After the lecture there was a Q&A session.
Possible variations	N/A
What did the audience particularly like?	Seeing images of diseases.
What surprised the audience?	What tonsils looked like and that pathologists had to be medically qualified.
What else would the audience have liked?	• More diseases. • More forensic pathology.
How much preparation was involved?	Several hours preparing the talks, plus time taken to get to schools and back.
Any other comments?	Would be better with several interested volunteers to take partrather, rather than one person doing everything.
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