



## Educational Update

**Friday 7 November 2025**

**09:45am to 12:00pm**

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The main aim of this annual remotely held Zoom meeting is to provide an 'Educational Update' on training and assessment and examinations. There is also an update on the Pathology Portal.

This year's theme is **Future of Training**.

This meeting is relevant to all those involved in the delivery of pathology training – including trainers, assessors and senior resident doctors preparing to become consultants.

**09:30** Meeting opens for logging in – via emailed personalised Zoom webinar joining details

**09:45** Welcome and introductions  
[Professor Marta Cohen](#)  
Chairperson  
Vice President for Learning, RCPATH

### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

**09:50** National Health Service England (NHSE) Medical Training Review  
[Professor Geoff Smith](#)  
Interim Medical Director, Education reform  
Regional Postgraduate Dean, South West  
Honorary Professor, University of Exeter Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

**10:10** Q&A for keynote speaker – Professor Geoff Smith

### PANEL MEMBERS

**10:30** The Pathology Plan  
[Dr Bernie Croal](#)  
President, RCPATH

**10:45** Flexibilities in training for the pathology specialties  
[Professor Ronan McMullan](#)  
Clinical Director of Training and Assessment, RCPATH



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| PROGRAMME | 11:00                                                      | <b>Examinations – the future landscape</b><br><a href="#">Helen Melliush and Tharek Azad</a><br>Head of Examinations and Examinations Policy and Quality Officer, RCPATH                                                   |
|           | 11:10                                                      | <b>Pathology Portal and the future of digital learning</b><br><a href="#">Luke Thrower</a><br>Pathology Portal Officer, RCPATH                                                                                             |
|           | 11:20                                                      | <b>Q&amp;A for panel members</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|           | <b>PENDING CHANGES/FUTURE TRAINING/REVIEW OF CURRICULA</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|           | 11:30                                                      | <b>Cellular Pathology curriculum</b> (breakout session)<br><a href="#">Dr Catherine Horsfield</a><br>Chair of the Cellular Pathology Curriculum Review Group, RCPATH                                                       |
|           |                                                            | <b>Chemical Pathology curriculum</b> (breakout session)<br><a href="#">Dr Vinita Mishra</a><br>Chair, Chemical Pathology College Specialty Training Committee (CSTC), RCPATH                                               |
|           |                                                            | <b>Medical Microbiology and Medical Virology curricula</b> (breakout session)<br><a href="#">Dr Harriet Hughes</a><br>Chair, Medical Microbiology and Medical Virology College Specialty Training Committee (CSTC), RCPATH |
|           | 11:55                                                      | <b>Summing up</b><br><a href="#">Professor Marta Cohen</a><br>Chairperson                                                                                                                                                  |

## General information

### Registration

- We look forward to seeing you at this free remotely-held Educational Update event.
- Please [BOOK HERE](#)
- Registration will close at 5:00pm on Thursday, 6 November 2025.
- All the talks will be recorded. Attendees will be sent an email notification when the recordings are available to view on the College website.



## Evaluation

A QR Code will be displayed towards the end of the meeting for delegates to provide feedback. As an alternative, an emailed link to the evaluation form will also be sent.

## Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Participation in this event will provide supporting evidence towards meeting the GMC standards for ongoing trainer recognition. You may claim a maximum of **2 CPD credits** in the professional category for full attendance at this meeting. A list of attendee names will be retained as per Zoom records and CPD certificates will be sent via email.

## Meeting organiser

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