

Celebrating our Diamond Jubilee

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President's newsletter – June 2022



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President's Message

College's 60th anniversary – Tuesday 21 June 2022 is the College's Diamond Jubilee year. The College was founded on 21 June 1962 to develop and support the evolving specialties of pathology and we have organised a series of events to celebrate our anniversary around the UK as well as at the College.

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The planned national rail and tube strikes during the week of 20 June will seriously affect the activities we were going to hold at the College and we have had to move our Foundation Lecture online rather than as an in-person event.

Our Foundation Lecture will be delivered by College Fellow, and former Deputy Chief Medical Officer of England, Professor Sir Jonathan Van-Tam. He will talk about '*Lessons learnt during the COVID-19 pandemic and his contribution to the UK Vaccines Taskforce and the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation*', touching on what it was like to be in the eye of a media maelstrom.

The lecture will be given on **Tuesday 21 June 2022, from 6pm to 7pm. Please [use this link to register](#).**

We are incredibly disappointed that we will not be able to welcome you to the College. The only silver lining is

that more College members who would like to see the lecture will be able watch it virtually.

Celebrate the College 60th anniversary on social media

We hope many of you will join in with our anniversary celebrations on Tuesday 21 June on social media. Using our anniversary hashtag #RCPath60, post photos of your working day, or whatever you happen to be doing on the day to promote pathology and the amazing contribution your specialty makes to preventing, diagnosing and treating disease. I look forward to you seeing your posts.

National Pathology Week 2022 20 – 26 June

[The theme will be 'Pathology: past, present and future'](#). There is still time to join in, whether in your own workplace or with our organised activities, which include a 'Pathology: past, present and future' panel discussion, virtual pub quizzes, and our popular book club.

RCPath Achievement Awards 2022

To celebrate the hard work, innovation and enterprise of pathology teams, we will be awarding four RCPath Achievement Awards to teams who have achieved above and beyond what would be expected in the usual course of their work.

The awards will be presented at the College Annual Dinner on 8 September. Nominate your colleagues or self-nominate your own team. This is your chance to celebrate the amazing work of pathology teams. For the full set of criteria and the nomination form [please visit the College website](#).

Queen's Birthday Honours

I was delighted to see pathology colleagues recognised in this year's [Queen's Birthday Honours](#) including College past President, Professor Jo Martin, who was awarded a well-deserved CBE for services to the NHS and to medical education and Professor Paul Moss who received an OBE for services to Immunotherapy and to COVID-19 Research.

Release of medical staff to carry out work for the wider health system

It was extremely welcome news to see that the Department of Health and Social Care, with the devolved nation health bodies, has [written to all NHS/HSC organisations calling for the release of medical staff](#) to undertake work on behalf of medical royal colleges, regulators and other professional bodies for the purposes of carrying out work for the

wider health system. This is something that we, with other medical royal colleges, have been calling for for some time.

On the agenda

Monkeypox

In response to cases of monkeypox in the UK, members and colleagues are working with the UK Health Security Agency to evolve guidance covering diagnostics, infection control and clinical advice. Guidance, including information on sending samples to RIPL Porton Down can be found on the [government website](#).

Engaging parliamentarians and stakeholders

- I had a fantastic meeting with Feryal Clark MP Shadow Minister (Health and Social Care), discussing the pathology workforce and other health topics including genomics. Feryal Clark is very well informed and supportive. We look forward to working together to help address these and other important issues.
- We welcomed the commitment in the Queen's Speech of £2.3 billion for diagnostics with plans for over 100 Community Diagnostic Centres over three years. We have also highlighted that expansion of the pathology workforce will be needed to manage increased investigative tests from the new centres.
- I will be attending 'Parliamentary Links Day', organised by the Royal Society of Biology, in Parliament on 28 June with MPs from all parties when I will again take every opportunity to highlight the importance of pathology, the great work our members do and the need for policymakers to support pathology services and pathologists together with all healthcare workers if we are to deliver the excellent healthcare our patients deserve.
- There is an excellent line up of speakers from parliament, government and the science community on the theme of 'Science and International Collaboration'.

Health Service Journal webinar: Could the NHS make greater use of remote testing

You can now [view a report on the HSJ webinar](#), which I took part in with [Medichecks and others](#) on whether the NHS could facilitate increased remote collection of

testing and whether this could improve the efficiency of diagnostic and monitoring services. (A subscription to the HSJ is needed to access the full report and the recording of the webinar.)

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National Pathology Week – 20–26 June

We have a series of free events planned for [National Pathology Week](#).

Monday 20 June, 6.30–7.30pm BST – [Pathology: past, present and future' panel discussion](#)

- Tuesday 21 June – the College's 60th birthday. [Our Foundation Lecture will be delivered online](#) by College Fellow, and former Deputy Chief Medical Officer of England, Professor Sir Jonathan Van-Tam. '*Lessons learnt during the COVID-19 pandemic and his contribution to the UK Vaccines Taskforce and the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation*'.
- Wednesday 22 June, 6.30–8pm BST – [virtual pub quiz for medical and biomedical undergraduates](#)
- Thursday 23 June, 5–6pm BST – [RCPATH Book Club featuring Stuck by Professor Heidi J. Larson](#)

- Friday 24 June, 5.30–7pm BST – [virtual pub quiz for veterinary undergraduates](#)
- Saturday 25 June, 11am–12pm BST – [family pathology-inspired origami workshop with Dr Lizzie Burns](#)

Organise your own NPW activities and events

- Set up a stall in your hospital or university to showcase the work of your team, [you can order free RCPATH promotional materials here.](#)
- Run a hands-on activity for your local community. [Check out our free resources and activity packs here.](#)
- Give a careers talk to your local schools or universities. [Have a look at our 'how to' guide for more details.](#)
- Run a lab tour

Share your NPW photos with us on Twitter – tag us [@RCPATH](#) and use the hashtags [#RCPATH60](#) and [#PathologyWeek](#).

Diamond Jubilee – Celebrating 60 years of the College

[Listen to our latest Pathologists in Profile podcast episodes](#)

Our April podcast episodes feature veterinary pathologist, Reverend Dr Jenny McKay. Originally from Northern Ireland, Jenny is the European Head of Anatomic Pathology, IDEXX, a global veterinary healthcare company. Find out why Jenny chose a career in veterinary pathology, how digital pathology has changed the way she works and how she came to also be an ordained priest at our [podcast webpage](#).

[Living Autopsy Tour](#)

The Living Autopsy tour continues across the UK, presented by past President Dr Suzy Lishman CBE. Check out our calendar [here](#) and spread the word for your [local area](#).

[RCPATH/Specialist Society Medical Elective small grant scheme](#)

The College is delighted to announce a new RCPATH/Specialist Society Medical Elective small grant scheme, launched to mark the College's Diamond Jubilee.

The scheme is jointly funded by the College and partner societies and will offer grants of up to £1,000. The grants will help to support undergraduate medical and veterinary students who wish to undertake electives in pathology disciplines.

Electives may be clinical or research-based and may be undertaken in any part of the world.

A minimum of £500 must be used for student travel and subsistence with the remaining amount being spent flexibly for project-related costs such as consumables, or for student costs, as appropriate for the project. Applications for this year are now open. The closing date is Friday 9 September 2022. Successful candidates will be informed in October 2022.

Devolved nations regional council – Diamond Jubilee events

[Diamond Jubilee celebrations – Join in the College's Wales Coastal Path Walk](#)
Saturday 2 July 2022

To mark the College's Diamond Jubilee, the Wales Regional Council is organising a walk of the Wales Coastal Path.

A [spreadsheet is available on the College's website](#) with information on the different sections of the walk, dividing the path into some manageable chunks.

Those taking part in the challenge are encouraged to select one (or two adjacent sections!) as a contribution – either your favourite stretches or one near your home or workplace. The aim is also to attract Assembly Members (AMs) and even local MPs to join and walk parts of the coast. The plan is to walk toward the Senedd and meet with some AMs there as the walkers converge at the end of the walks (coming from Penarth and Chepstow–Cardiff directions). For more information, please email Dr Jonathan Kell at jonathan.kell@rcpath.org.

RCPATH Scotland 60th Anniversary Symposium: What has pathology ever done for us?
25 November 2022 (Save the date)
Further information will follow.

Working for members

Nominations open for two Trustee Board roles

Nominations for election of two of the College's trustees opened on 1 June.

All eligible Fellows have been sent information direct by [Civica](#), who are managing the process on behalf of the College.

These roles offer the opportunity to contribute at a national level to the maintenance and development of pathology services and the quality of care that patients receive. We would like to encourage and enable more people of all identities and from all backgrounds to become involved in the College.

Information on the roles can be found on the following links:

- [Treasurer](#)
- [Wales Regional Council Chair](#)

Nominations will be accepted up to midday on 5 August 2022.

Submit a case study and claim CPD credits

Would you like to share your knowledge and experiences with colleagues and earn CPD credits?

We are looking for case studies on experiences that have, or may have, impacted on patient safety. The case study should describe what went well or less well, and why.

We would also like to hear: how the situation was approached and resolved; what was learnt; and how this was shared. This constitutes high-quality learning and you can claim 1 CPD credit per case study you send us in your online CPD portfolio.

For an example of a published case study, please see [SHOT](#). For more information, please email cpd@rcpath.org

RCPATH Foundation Fellowships

The College makes 25 Foundation Fellowships available annually. The Foundation Fellowship Scheme is open to Foundation doctors who secure a Foundation post in which they will rotate through a pathology specialty between 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023. The pathology specialities include histopathology, haematology, medical microbiology and chemical pathology or any other specialty represented by the College.

The closing date is Friday 1 July 2022. Successful candidates will be informed by the end of July 2022. More information can be found on the [College website](#). If your department has placements for Foundation doctors please do encourage them to apply.

UK medical consultants: Would you like training to attend an Advisory Appointment Committee (AAC) interview panel?

Are you an established consultant with more than three years in a substantive post, undertaking CPD and have equality and diversity training? If so, would you be interested in representing the College on AACs?

If so, we have free licences for a half hour online training module. Ideally, we would like you to follow up the training by attending one AAC in the first 12 months. If you are interested, please contact: workforce@rcpath.org

College Assessors – CPD points

The College greatly values the work of College Assessors on Advisory Appointment Committees (AACs or interview panels).

In recognition of this highly important and valued work, the College's Professional Standards department will now allocate two CPD credits for each AAC attended by College Assessors.

If you would like to become an Assessor for us, please fill in the nomination form – [Get involved at the College](#).

NCRI Colorectal Group strategy survey

The [NCRI](#) Colorectal Group is running a survey to gather information on what the cancer community identifies as the challenges, opportunities and gaps in this area, as well as the most pressing unanswered questions. Visit [NCRI Survey](#).
Deadline 1 August 2022.

Change of name from Clinical Science Committee to Healthcare Science Committee

The College Council recently approved a change of name for the Clinical Science Committee. The Committee will in future be called the Healthcare Science Committee to be inclusive of all scientists training within the College. More details can be found on the College website [Healthcare Science Committee \(formerly the Clinical Science Committee\) \(rcpath.org\)](#)

Visiting the Royal College of Physicians Medicinal Garden

The Royal College of Physicians' garden contains over 1,100 plants, all with links to medicine. The plants come from diverse cultures, different countries with living examples of the history of medicine from the era of the pyramids of Egypt to today's life-saving prescription drugs. The garden has been beautifully designed and is a wonderfully calm space opposite Regent's Park in the centre of London.

We are delighted to have arranged specific dates for RCPATH members to attend garden tours during the College's Diamond Jubilee in 2022 as follows:

- Wednesday 29 June (2pm to 3.30pm)

- Tuesday 26 July (11am to 12.30pm)
- Wednesday 24 August (2pm to 3.30pm)

There is no charge but spaces are limited. Please contact publicengagementnet@rcpath.org if you are interested in joining these tours by 22 June 2022 (family of College members are also welcome to join if spaces available).

Deadline for CPD returns extended to 30 September 2022

The College recognises and appreciates the tremendous effort made by our members during the global pandemic. To alleviate the pressure of submitting within the normal deadline, we have extended the 2021/2022 CPD deadline to 30 September 2022.

If you need more time to submit or have any queries, please contact the CPD team: cpd@rcpath.org.

Get involved at the College

RCPATH Invited Performance Reviews – Call for reviewers

Invited Performance Reviews are an important part of the College's role in maintaining standards in the practice of pathology. In particular:

- evaluating a service or an individual's practice, where concerns have been raised
- discovering whether problems do exist and, if so, in which areas
- supporting healthcare organisations in implementing standards.

We are seeking to recruit new reviewers from a wider range of RCPATH members to add to our existing panel. We would like to encourage and enable more people of all identities and from all backgrounds to become involved in the College. The role of reviewer requires and understanding of how high-quality pathology and laboratory medicine services underpin patient safety. To find out more and apply, please email: professionalism@rcpath.org.

New publications

New publication

- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of soft tissue sarcoma](#)

Regional news

Scotland Regional Council member

Applications are now invited from Fellows for posts of Scotland Regional Council Member, taking up office immediately until the Annual General Meeting, November 2025. As a member of the Scotland Regional Council your role is to provide professional leadership in Scotland and contribute at a national level to the maintenance and development of pathology services and the quality of care that patients receive. Members use their skills and experience to support the

Scotland Regional Council so that it runs efficiently and delivers against its Terms of Reference. Deadline for applications is Monday 27 June 2022. For more information about the role and how to apply, please access the [Scotland Regional Council member webpage](#).

Scotland Regional Council Trainee Representative

Nominations are now invited for two new Trainee Representatives (one medical and one clinical scientist) on the Scotland Regional Council, taking up office for three years or until you CCT. You must be a trainee to be eligible. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic trainee in any Pathology discipline in Scotland to represent trainee pathologists on the Royal College of Pathologists Scotland Regional Council in the capacity of a Trainee Representative. Deadline for applications is Monday 27 June 2022. For information about the role and how to apply, please visit the [Scotland Regional Council Trainee Representative webpage](#).

REGIONAL SYMPOSIA

Wales Symposium 2022 (4 CPD credits)

Thursday 30 June 2022, 1.30pm–5pm

Event to be held at the National Imaging Academy Wales, Pencoed Business Park, Bridgend, CF35 5HY

This symposium is aimed at RCPATH fellows, members, trainees and others interested in the range of pathology specialties in Wales. Delegates will hear presentations about upcoming themes in the field of pathology and share developments happening in Wales. They will hear from the President, Professor Mike Osborn, and find out about the College's work in Wales. Trainees will have the opportunity to meet with the President and discuss any relevant matters. Please note that this event will be held in person on Thursday 30 June 2022, 1.30pm–5pm.

REGIONAL SURGERIES IN ENGLAND

A series of 'surgeries' will be held over the next few months, where all members in the region are warmly invited to meet with their Regional Representative via a Microsoft Teams virtual session. This will be an open time for Regional Representatives to meet with you and hear of your work, areas of concern and points of interest that you wish to raise. These are planned to be held in the time before College Council meets to present the region's interests and concerns to this body. These surgeries are hopefully also an opportunity for you to meet via Teams with colleagues across your region.

The next round of regional surgeries will be held on the following dates:

- **London surgery:** Friday 1 July 2022, 2pm–4pm – led by Dr Rachael Liebmann (rachael.liebmann@rcpath.org), English Regional Representative to Council (London)
- **Midlands and East of England surgery:** date to be confirmed – led by Dr Laszlo Igali (laszlo.igali@rcpath.org), English Regional Representative to Council (Midlands and East of England)
- **North of England surgery:** Friday 2 September 2022, 12.30pm–2pm – led by Dr Ali Robb (ali.robb@rcpath.org), English Regional Representative to Council (North of England)
- **South of England surgery:** date to be confirmed – led by Dr Negar Maghsoodi (negar.maghsoodi@rcpath.org), English Regional Representative to Council (South).

International

New virtual learning resources created in collaboration with the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons

New virtual resources launched last month covering topics across chemical pathology, haematology, histopathology (anatomical pathology) and microbiology, in support of pathology trainees in Ghana and worldwide. They are freely available to view from our [international virtual resources page](#).

College conferences and symposia

[Bitesize Liver Pathology webinar series](#)

Monday 30 May – Monday 4th July

CPD Credits: 6 (for all sessions)

We are excited to announce the return of our bitesize liver pathology sessions for a second year. These will take place on Monday afternoons from 4.30 to 5.30pm, held via zoom. This year's topics have been selected to cover different areas of the field of liver pathology and are based on delegate feedback from last year.

These one-hour webinars are aimed at senior registrars predominantly, but may also be of interest to SAS doctors and consultants who report liver biopsies occasionally as part of their everyday work. The aim is to provide attendees with the opportunity to view example digital slides before each session, followed by case-based discussions by an expert in the field. There will also be the opportunity for speakers to provide hints and tips to aid in diagnosis and interpretation, and for delegates to pose questions to the speakers to enhance their understanding.

[Not in the textbooks study day – Virtual Meeting](#)

Friday 8 July 2022

CPD credits: 6

The study day is a unique opportunity for trainees in all pathology disciplines, at all stages of training who want to gain more insight into important issues that they are likely to face in the future, that are not easily learnt, and that are not necessarily covered by the curriculum. A day to learn about topics which are routinely 'not in the textbooks.'

[RCPATH/BDIAP Foundation and Undergraduate Taster event – Virtual Meeting](#)

Wednesday 29 June 2022

CPD credits: 2

This joint RCPATH/BDIAP Foundation Taster Event 2022, is an exciting opportunity for you to explore pathology and see what the career has to offer! This virtual programme will be delivered with a mixture of specialty-specific sound bite videos from a variety of consultants and trainees (sent to attendees a few days before the meeting), followed by a live virtual session, which will take place in the evening and last approximately 1.5 hours. It is free to register.

Medical examiner training

The College is the [lead medical royal college for medical examiners](#) and provides training for any doctor wishing to work as a medical examiner. Participants will need to complete mandatory 26 e-learning modules and attend an entire face-to-face training day to receive a certificate of completion. The day includes short presentations, small group discussions of case

scenarios and the opportunity to share experience. Medical Examiner Training is open only to medically qualified individuals who work in England and Wales.

New medical examiners who successfully complete the training and the e-learning modules will be invited to join the College as members.

[Medical examiner training session – Virtual Training](#)

Wednesday 31 August 2022

CPD credits: 6

[Medical examiner training session – IN PERSON](#)

Thursday 27 October 2022

To be held at the Royal College of Pathologists, 6 Alie Street, London, E1 8QT

CPD credits: 6

[Medical examiner training session – Virtual Training](#)

Wednesday 7 December 2022

CPD credits: 6

Medical examiner officer training

The College also leads on the training of [medical examiner officers](#) (MEOs).

MEOs work closely with medical examiners and undertake tasks such as coordinating the completion of death certificates and referrals to the coroner, and speaking to clinicians and bereaved families.

MEOs may come from a wide range of backgrounds. For example, nurses, healthcare scientists or bereavement officers although this list is not exhaustive. More information, including a [model job description](#), is on the [College website](#).

The face-to-face training day is the second part of MEO training. Everyone attending the course must have completed the 26 mandatory core e-learning modules before the date of the course to get the most out of the training day. The e-learning modules [can be accessed here](#). (Registration with e-Learning for Healthcare is required.)

[Medical examiner officer training session – Virtual Training](#)

Friday 23 September 2022

CPD credits: 6

For further information, please contact the RCPATH Conference team at meetings@rcpath.org or on 020 7451 6700.

News from external organisations

New National Cancer Data from National Disease Registration Service available for pathologists to use

The Get Data Out programme from the National Disease Registration Service released new data on Thursday 28 April.

This includes new detailed statistics on Routes to Diagnosis and survival for cancer patients diagnosed between 2013 and 2018, for all 14 of current GDO cancer sites, plus a new GDO cancer site 'Skin tumours'.

2013–2019 incidence data will also be released for the new GDO cancer site 'Skin tumours'. Data available [here](#).

Please address any queries re the Skin tumours Get Data Out release to Dr Paul Craig, Chair of the RCPATH Dermatopathology Subcommittee at paul.craig2@nhs.net, and queries about other cancer sites to Charlotte Eversfield, Senior Cancer Intelligence Analyst, NHS Digital at charlotte.eversfield@nhs.net

NPIC Survey: Pathology Research Interests & Unmet Needs

The National Pathology Imaging Co-operative (NPIC) is a collaboration between the NHS, academia, and industry, to deploy digital pathology across the NHS and support the development of innovative Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions to improve diagnoses.

The NPIC team have developed a short survey to understand pathology research interests and unmet needs: [NPIC Survey: Pathology Research Interests & Unmet Needs \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://surveymonkey.co.uk). Closing date 30 June.

If you have any questions or comments contact the NPIC Research Inbox: leedsth-tr.npicresearch@nhs.net

Other external events of interest

June 2022 e-newsletter

7 June 2022

[Post-ECCMID 2022 Update – The best of ECCMID on Gram-negatives](#)

8 June 2022

[London GI pathology update 2022 webinar 1](#)

8 June 2022

[Post-ECCMID 2022 Update – The best of ECCMID on Gram-positives](#)

9 June 2022

[DIPC development day – Taking surveillance forwards: making the most of your data](#)

9–10 June 2022

[BAGP 18th Annual Meeting](#)

10–11 June 2022

[Fungal Update: Mycology 2022](#)

15 June 2022

[London GI pathology update 2022 webinar 2](#)

17 June 2022

[Nottingham Breast Pathology Masterclass – Live](#)

17 June 2022

[Delivering the Genomic Medicine Service: embedding genomics in Pathology](#)

19–24 June 2022

[The V Update IPPA Course: Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology in the New Millennium](#)

20 June 2022

[Current Thinking in Haematological Malignancies: Progress and Controversies](#)

21 June 2022

[Current Thinking in Haematological Malignancies: Progress and Controversies](#)

21 June 2022

[BSAC OPAT Regional Workshop – Birmingham](#)

22 June 2022

[London GI pathology update 2022 webinar 3](#)

23 June 2022

[Don't panic! 2022](#)

24 June 2022

[The HMDS Annual Haematopathology Update Day](#)

27–28 June 2022

[Back to Basics Course: the blood count and smear](#)

29 June 2022

[BSBMTCT Scientific Showcase: Advanced Cellular Therapy](#)

30 June 2022

[UK Clinical Vaccine Network Conference 2022](#)

8 July 2022

[BSAC OPAT Regional Workshop – London](#)

9 July 2022

[CESR in Histopathology](#)

5 September 2022

[Histopathology of the Bone Marrow](#)

26 September–17 October 2022

[Virtual Lymphoma Management Course 2022](#)

27–28 September 2022

[Infection 360](#)

29–30 September 2022

[The 18th BAUP Advanced Prostate Pathology Course](#)

20 October 2022

[An introduction to guideline development](#)

4 November 2022

[Birmingham Breast Pathology Update Course – Virtual course](#)

25 November 2022

Consultant Pathologist AP Update Course – For more information, please contact:

m.madigan1@nhs.net

5–8 December 2022

[British Society for Immunology Congress 2022](#)

RCPATH CPD-accredited online resources can be found at the following [link](#)