



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



President's e-newsletter – October 2018

President's Messages of the Month

New building for the College

I am delighted to announce that in November the College will be moving into our new offices at [6 Alie Street, London E1 8QT](#).

Our purpose-built building will provide a hub for members worldwide, a suite of facilities for members and trainees and office space for honorary officers and College staff.

The new state-of-the-art conference facilities include a multi-purpose 210-person lecture theatre as well as numerous meeting spaces. These will enable us to run exams on-site and to expand our wide-ranging programme of academic activities, events and conferences. These facilities will also enable webcasting worldwide.

Another exciting new development at 6 Alie Street is a dedicated member and trainees' lounge on the ground floor. You will be able to drop in and use the informal meeting and working space and the three bookable internal meeting rooms. Free refreshments will be available, and we will re-open our library, which will be managed by our Honorary Librarian and Archivist, Dr Tina Mathews.

Do come and visit the new premises - it's your College. I look forward to welcoming you at 6 Alie Street!

10 years of National Pathology Week

We are only a few weeks away from celebrating the 10th anniversary of [National Pathology Week](#). Every year College members host hundreds of events across the UK

for people of all ages to improve awareness and understanding of how pathologists and scientists diagnose disease. If you would like to get involved there's still time. For information about resources and how to take part, please see [Public Engagement](#).

College strategy 2018–2021 and End of Year Review 2017–2018

We recently published the [College's three-year strategy](#) setting out our vision for promoting and advancing excellence in pathology.

The College's [End of year review](#) is also available on our website. Now in its fourth year, the review outlines the full range of work undertaken by the College and is well worth a rummage.

Round-up

- I was delighted to follow up our work on staffing at the Royal College of Physicians roundtable events at the Labour and Conservative party conferences. We discussed challenges and what we need to help ease the current pressures and create a sustainable workforce.
- Jon Ashworth MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health, covered our histopathology workforce census, [Meeting pathology demand](#), during the Labour Party conference, highlighting the shortage of histopathologists. He also gave his support to the role of medical examiners and thanked pathologists, and other healthcare professionals, for their contribution to the NHS.
- It was a pleasure to attend the International Academy of Pathology meeting in Jordan and meet so many of our overseas fellows and trainees there. Our memorandum of understanding with the Arab Board Of Health Specializations is a very good step forward for our joint work.
- Lots of other acute work is going on around genetics, antibiotic resistance, training, undergraduates and work with international colleagues and other professional bodies. We will keep you posted.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Haematologist Audit Evaluators

We are looking for haematologists to evaluate audits submitted for certification.

CPD points are available for each audit evaluated. For more information and how to apply go to [Audit Evaluators](#).

Trainees' Advisory Committee (TAC) roles

Trainees - Do take up an active role on the TAC! The committee covers all specialties and all College regions. Representatives on the TAC are responsible for raising issues on behalf of trainees in their specialty. The committee representatives are also active members of the [College's specialty committees](#); participating in discussions and informing the committee of the views of specialty trainees.

Why should I apply?

Make a difference – work with other trainees in your specialty, network with your peers, get involved with the College's work and support your professional development.

What TAC roles are available?

- **Clinical Biochemistry Representative**
- **Toxicology Trainee Representative**
- **Veterinary Pathology Trainee Representative** – The representative would be expected to share attendance at meetings with the Veterinary Clinical Pathology representative.
- **Intercollegiate Committee on Haematology (ICH)** - The ICH is hosted in rotation by the College and the Royal College of Physicians and reports to the councils of both colleges.

Please submit a short statement detailing your suitability for the role to Clare Young, Governance and Committee Services Officer clare.young@rcpath.org. The closing date for submissions is 5pm on Friday 2 November 2018. Further information can be found on [the College website](#).

Path to Success – Free event

Saturday 10 November: 10.00–16.00

New Education Centre, RVI, Newcastle upon Tyne

Joint College event with Health Education England and the Association of Clinical Pathologists

Aimed at foundation and core medical training (CMT) doctors and medical students, this free one-day event is a must for anyone considering a career in haematology, microbiology/virology, histopathology, chemical pathology or immunology.

Featuring

- Pathology Battle – visit interactive laboratory simulation stations in haematology, microbiology/virology, histopathology, chemical pathology/metabolic medicine and immunology to solve clinical cases, and chat to our trainees and trainers in each specialty along the way.
- Keynote talk – Dr Bridget Wilkins, Director of Clinical Effectiveness, RCPATH.
- Applications advice – sessions giving tips on applications and interviews for the pathology specialties from our trainees.
- Sessions on work–life balance and an expert panel from our specialties answering questions on applications and training.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. [Free registration](#).

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of lung cancer](#)
- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of colorectal cancer](#)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Take part and celebrate 10 years of National Pathology Week

There are plenty of quick and easy ways to get involved in National Pathology Week. We're adding new material to [our extensive resource library](#), such as the new careers and other [presentation materials](#). You can use these to plan a talk on pathology careers at a school near you or for a group of medical undergraduates. If you'd like advice on organising an event or careers talk please do [get in touch](#). Don't forget to [register public events](#) so we can send you free promotional materials; you will also be in with a chance of [winning a prize](#).

If you haven't got much time, one way to get involved is to take part in our social media competition #secretsofthelab. Launching at the start of National Pathology Week, you can enter by posting your favourite #secretsofthelab on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). More information coming soon. You can also keep up-to-date with everything National Pathology Week by keeping an eye on our

[website](#), and by following #pathologyweek on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

College-led events during the week

With 170 students signed up, there are still spaces left at our [Careers and Ideas](#) undergraduate symposium. The event is a day of inspiring lectures and networking for biomedical, medical and veterinary undergraduates. It will take place on 7 November in Nottingham; please share with undergraduates you think will be interested.

Hidden enemies: What was the real killer of World War One? - Free lecture

Come along to our free to attend public lecture event with College fellow Professor John Oxford on 8 November - [Hidden enemies: What was the real killer of World War One?](#). The event is taking place at the Centre of the Cell in London.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Register now! Pathology Futures: The Role of Genomics in Disease Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention

The role of genomics in the diagnosis and treatment of disease is growing at a phenomenal pace, allowing patient care to become more personalised. As a result, pathologists are not just involved in an initial diagnosis but in the entire treatment pathway of a patient.

As part of the College's International Pathology Day (IPD) celebrations, the College has partnered with [The Pathologist magazine](#) to host this one-day event on Wednesday 14 November, exploring the important role and contribution of pathologists, scientists and laboratory medicine professionals in the treatment pathway and care of patients, and how the results from research undertaken in the laboratory are directly used to develop new ways to treat patients and combat disease. The day will be filled with talks, interactive exhibitions, workshop presentations and the College's popular IPD Roundtable. [Book a place now.](#)

Be a Global Health Challenger for the world! Register now for next year's Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100

Prudential RideLondon is the world's greatest festival of cycling where more than 26,000 amateur cyclists take on a cycling challenge through London and Surrey on a similar route to the London 2012 Olympic Road Cycling Races.

As a Golden Bond Charity with the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100, the College has guaranteed places for the 2019 challenge. This summer, there are still places if you want to join. We will support you every step of the way, offering advice and tips, and the coveted College cycling vest. The registration fee is only £50, with a minimum sponsorship pledge of £500.

Help make a difference and register now to take part. To secure your place, please email [Deborah Ko](#), our International Coordinator.

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

[Advances in Transfusion Medicine 2018](#)

Thursday 22 and Friday 23 November 2018

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

CPD credits: 11

There are ongoing significant advances in transfusion medicine and science with high quality research supporting evidence-based practice. This two-day meeting brings together experts from various clinical disciplines and leaders in transfusion science to provide a broad overview of key developments. The meeting will be of wide interest to all those involved in transfusion medicine.

[Demand Optimisation: Rational Testing Approaches in Pathology](#)

Thursday 29 November 2018

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

CPD credits: 6

Learn about current experience and strategic plans for demand optimisation in pathology – predominantly, but not exclusively, at interface between laboratories and primary care. Contribute to the establishment of RCPATH/RCGP workstream priorities and working groups to deliver high quality guidance and other interventions for demand optimisation in pathology.

[IAC Tutorials](#)

Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 December 2018

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

CPD credits: 13 for all three days

The British Association for Cytopathology (BAC) and the College are delighted to be hosting the IAC tutorial in London at the new College premises. The tutorial covers a wide range of topics, providing up-to-date information by international experts in the field. The talks are followed by PowerPoint based slide seminars on the topics covered, with plenty of opportunity to interact with the faculty during and after sessions.

[Challenges in the Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory and Beyond](#)

Thursday 28 February 2019

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

CPD credits: 6

This meeting is aimed at those with an interest in clinical biochemistry. It aims to provide an update on a range of current analytical and clinical issues, and will challenge some conventional thinking.

[Advanced Molecular Brain Tumour Classification with Epigenetic Profiling](#)

Friday 3 May 2019

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

CPD credits: 7

This one-day workshop will provide a multifaceted view of epigenetic profiling in adult and paediatric brain tumour diagnostics. The workshop will convey the biological principles of epigenetics in health and disease with a focus on brain tumours and explain how methylation profiles of brain tumours are detected with current array technologies. The day will be supplemented with an interactive practical session where participants will have the opportunity to discuss the diagnostic approach of challenging adult and paediatric CNS tumour cases. These cases will be available to registered participants for viewing in a digital format before and during the workshop.

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Health Education England (HEE) Innovation Fund – Invitation to Tender

Reducing the threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) remains high on the national agenda. HEE is expected to take forward a programme of work, in support of the Government's ambitions to halve healthcare associated Gram-negative blood stream infections and inappropriate antimicrobial prescribing by 2020/21, making use of effective diagnostic tests. This also includes an assessment of workforce needs in relation to infection prevention and control.

HEE has set up an AMR Innovation Fund to encourage and support initiatives that will contribute to workforce development in this area, through education and training, particularly around behaviour change with evidence of outcomes.

Suitably qualified bidders are invited to tender. Please follow this [link](#) for further information. Closing date for applications 30 October.

Leukaemia UK launches Future of Haematology Grants Programme

The programme provides funding for Early Career Development and Mentorship projects and has been designed to support all staff working with a haematology specialism. Submission deadline: 30 November 2018. Visit – [Leukaemia UK Grants Programme](#).

New NHS sepsis tool launched

The NHS has [launched a tool](#) that for the first time accurately measures the number of patients admitted to hospital who are at risk of sepsis. All hospitals across England are being asked to use the tool, which will allow them to identify how many patients are at risk of sepsis. As a result, the NHS will now be able to track improvements, such as rates of survival and length of hospital stays and the impact on patients locally, regionally and nationally. By showing the numbers of admissions, rates of survival and lengths of stay, it will give clinicians the clearest information yet for which types of infections can cause patients to deteriorate quickly, and which treatments are most effective at saving lives.

The [Suspicion of Sepsis \(SOS\) Dashboard](#) has been created by Imperial College Health Partners (ICHP) through the Patient Safety Collaborative, in collaboration with NHS Improvement and NHS England.

BMA Foundation for Medical Research

The BMA Foundation for Medical Research provides approximately £700,000 of research funding each year. Details of the 2019 grants have been confirmed and all grant categories are on the [BMA Foundation website](#). Applications are invited from medical practitioners and research scientists.

Applications for the 2019 grant round will open on the [BMA Foundation website](#) from 1 January 2019. The deadline for applications is 1 March 2019.

NICE Fellowships and Scholarships: Applications open until 9 November

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence ([NICE](#)) is looking for exceptional people with a passion for health and care to join its prestigious [fellows and scholars programmes](#). Up to ten NICE scholarships and ten NICE fellowships will be awarded this year. Deadline for applications is 9 November 2018. Both roles are unpaid and undertaken alongside successful candidates' existing jobs and other responsibilities.

To find out more about how to apply, visit the [Fellows](#) and [Scholars](#) pages on the NICE website. You can also read a [blog by Katie Currie, Public Health Principal, on her experience as a NICE Scholar](#) and a [blog by Dr Julia Terry on her experience of being a NICE Fellow](#).

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

- [HIS 2018](#) – 26–28 November 2018
- [GI Pathology Update](#) – 10 December 2018
- [UK Myeloma Forum Autumn Day - Unusual Presentations of Gammopathies and Associated Conditions](#) – 8 November 2018
- [UK Biobanking Showcase 2018](#) – 27 November 2018
- [UK MDS Forum Education Day](#) – 5 November 2018
- [BSBMT Education Day](#) – 9 October 2018
- [BDIAP/BSG/UKLPG meeting on liver and lower GI pathology](#) – 22–24 November 2018
- [Federation of Infection Societies \(FIS\) 2018](#) – 13–15 November 2018
- [Current Perspectives in Haematological Malignancies](#) – 10 October 2018
- [Fungal Update 2019](#) – 15–16 March 2019
- [Current Perspectives in Haematological Malignancies](#) – 11 October 2018
- [19th London Lymphoma Forum](#) – 7 November 2018
- [2019 Winter Meeting, Let's Speak about Precision Pathology!](#) – 22–23 January 2019
- [Women in academic medicine](#) – 12 October 2018
- [Genomics and Clinical Microbiology](#) – 20–25 January 2019
- [Embryo biopsy workshop](#) – 4–5 April 2019
- [Genomics and Clinical Virology](#) – 10–15 February 2019

- [UK & Ireland Clinical User Meeting 2018](#) – 7 November 2018
- [Collaborating to fight antimicrobial resistance: Education and innovation to tackle a mutual threat](#) – 16 Nov

