



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

President's e-newsletter – January 2018



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President's Message of the Month

Welcome to my e-newsletter for January.

The NHS turns 70 this year and, while there is much to celebrate, the service is also facing exceptional demand.

Many members will be experiencing the intense and protracted pressures on the NHS this winter. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tireless work of our members in ensuring that patients presenting at A&E get their tests, results and diagnoses turned around as quickly as possible so they can get the treatment they need.

Lots of work is going on around how we can help improve staff shortages across pathology, encourage colleagues into the profession and make working lives a little easier. We are also pushing for investment in IT and digital.

I tweet about some of the great colleagues I meet and some of the amazing advances that pathologists

are making, so do follow @JoMartin_path on Twitter and get in-the-moment snippets of how brilliant our profession is, in a few words and some pictures.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and prosperous 2018.

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COLLEGE NEWS

TNM 8 Implementation from 1 January 2018

TNM 8 should be used for all tumours diagnosed after 1 January 2018. Updated datasets and appendices providing up-to-date information on staging using UICC TNM 8 are now available on the [College website](#). Please note that a [list of errata](#) for UICC TNM 8 has been published and should be used in conjunction with the original publication.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Furness Prize for Science Communication – still time to nominate

There is still time to nominate trainees in our annual science communication competition, [The Furness Prize for Science Communication](#), which rewards and recognises trainees who have undertaken sustained high-quality science communication and public engagement activities. The closing date for nominations is now 15 January and the winner will be presented with their prize cheque of £200 and a certificate at our New Fellows Ceremony on 1 February. Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by a colleague who is familiar with their work. Full details, including application form, are on the [website](#).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sign-up for a New Year cycle challenge!

Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 | Sunday 29 July 2018

If you are a keen cyclist and would like to take on a new challenge for 2018, there are still some places left in the RCPATH Cycle Team. As a 'Golden Bond Charity' with the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100, the College has guaranteed places for this year's challenge.

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

Become a mentor

International Trainee Support Scheme (ITSS)

The International Trainee Support Scheme (ITSS) provides mentoring and guidance to overseas doctors and scientists who are preparing to sit the College's fellowship examinations. Mentoring is a critical component of the scheme and we would like to hear from any Fellows or Trainees (ST3-5) in any specialty who would be interested in becoming a volunteer mentor.

Please complete our [online form](#) in the first instance. If you would like any further information, please email [Zuzana Lescisinova](#), International Education Officer.

Save the date & sign-up International Pathology Day 2018

This year, International Pathology Day will take place on **Wednesday 14 November 2018** and planning is already under way at the College!

If you are interested in collaborating with the College or organising an IPD event in your community, country or region we would like to hear from you! Sign up to our [IPD 2018 mailing list](#) or [email](#) us.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of endometrial cancer](#)
- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of uveal melanoma](#)
- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of colorectal cancer](#)
- [Best practice recommendations for implementing digital pathology](#)

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

First Bi-Annual UK Endocrine Pathology Society/Royal College of Pathologists Endocrine Pathology Update

Friday 2 and Saturday 3 February 2018

To be held at: Royal College of General Practitioners, 30 Euston Square, London, NW1 2FB

CPD Credits: 8

This meeting will be aimed at consultants with a special interest (or aiming to specialise) in endocrine pathology and will also be suitable for trainees approaching FRCPath Part 2. The faculty includes nationally and internationally recognised experts in endocrine pathology and oncology.

Clinical Trial Training for the Petrified: Training a New Generation of Clinical Trial Pathologists

Friday 9 February 2018

To be held at: Coin Street Conference Centre, 108 Stamford Street, London, SE1 9NH

CPD Credits: 4

The College is hosting the second of an annual workshop series in conjunction with the [National Cancer Research Institute's CM-Path initiative](#). This workshop will provide key information to pathologists who are keen to get involved in clinical research and will include an introduction to navigating the academic career pathway, quality assurance in clinical trials, statistics and clinical trial design. We welcome trainees and established consultants with an interest in clinical research.

Liver Biopsy in the Assessment of Medical Liver Disease

Friday 23 February 2018

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

CPD Credits: 5

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).

[National Infection Study Day: Emerging and neglected infections](#)

Tuesday 6 March 2018

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

CPD Credits: 5

This day will focus on emerging and neglected infections and has been devised for those working or interested in infection specialties including microbiology, virology and infectious diseases. It is suitable for both trainees and consultants to equip them with knowledge and skills for specialist practice, assessment and continuing professional development.

[Guidelines for non-forensic autopsy practice \(your questions and answers\)](#)

Friday 18 May 2018

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

CPD Credits: 5

This symposium aims to provide guidance to pathologists dealing with non-forensic and Coroner's post-mortem examinations. It presents a platform for pathologists to familiarise themselves with recent published guidelines as well as providing a rare opportunity to discuss challenging cases with experts and guideline authors.

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

NHS England National Acute Oncology Group

Neutropenic sepsis – haematologists' survey

One of the areas the group is focusing on is treatment, looking at current practice and trying to determine what the scope is for earlier use of oral antibiotics and risk-scoring systems. The group sees this as a very important area to examine as it might have significant implications for patients, helping to avoid long stays in hospital as well as from an economic health point of view. The group is looking to obtain information from as wide a representation of haematologists as possible.

Caroline Ford, clinical research fellow with Cancer Research UK and NICE, has produced an online survey about neutropenic sepsis treatment which takes about five minutes to complete. The acute oncology group, which includes haematology and oncology representatives, would be very grateful if you could spare the time to complete the survey. Please visit [neutropenic sepsis – survey](#)

SIGN wants to hear from you!

The Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) wants your feedback about what works well with the current versions of SIGN guidelines and what developments would be useful for future guidelines.

They are keen to hear from health professionals, trainees and students in Scotland about a range of issues including how easy it is to access, find out about and implement SIGN guidelines and how they can be made easier in the future. Your answers to this survey will help inform the development work of SIGN.

The [survey](#) should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Closing date 31 January. For more information visit [SIGN website](#).

International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting Dataset Consultation

The draft ICCR datasets for the pathology reporting of urinary tract carcinomas are now available for review at: [ICCR datasets](#). The documents will be available for comment until Friday 9 February 2018.

Applying for funding from the BMA Foundation for Medical Research

Applications are now open. Please see [BMA Foundation for Medical Research](#). Closing date 2 March 2018.

Calling Alumni of LSTM

The Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) would like to get in touch with alumni to get involved in a new project to help shape the future of the LSTM alumni community. To sign up, please fill in the survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LSTMAlumniAndFriends>.

To find out more, feature as an alumni profile, or for any other questions, email alumni@lstmed.ac.uk.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

- [Cleavage and trophectoderm biopsy for Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Workshop](#) 22-23 March 2018
- [ABCD: a basic course of dermatopathology](#) 23-25 February 2018
- [The London Haematopathology Course](#) 7-9 March 2018
- [Breast Pathology Masterclass](#) 5-6 July 2018
- [Foundation Course on Healthcare Infection Control](#) 23-25 January 2018

