Introducing our Virtual Pathology Pub Quiz hosts

We're delighted to introduce your hosts for this year's Virtual Pathology Pub Quiz, healthcare scientist and stand-up comedian, Kip Heath and neuropathology trainee and Academic Clinical Lecturer, Dr Matthew Clarke.

Kip Heath

Kip has been a healthcare scientist in the NHS since she was 18. She started her career in Oxfordshire, completing a four-year biomedical scientist training course before working as a registered biomedical scientist in Trusts across the UK. Currently she works at Great Ormond Street Hospital where she is Deputy Lead Healthcare Scientist, Quality Lead for the Physiological Scientists and Deputy Patient Public Involvement / Engagement Lead none of which fit easily into a standard form text box.

As well as her work at GOSH, Kip is Lead IQA Assessor for Healthcare Science Apprenticeship at the National School of Healthcare Science where she is able to support apprentices completing a very similar programme to the one that launched her own career.

In her spare time Kip is a STEM Ambassador and Enterprise Advisor. She is also passionate enough about science communication that she also has a side job in stand-up comedy. Despite being so terrified of public speaking that the first time she nearly tripped backwards down a flight of stairs to land in a converted jail cell.
When she isn’t busy with science and showing a blatant disregard for her own personal safety, Kip likes to work her way through London’s escape rooms and supporting her family on the UK’s TV quiz show circuit.

Dr Matthew Clarke

Matthew is an Academic Clinical Lecturer and neuropathology trainee based at the National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery (UCLH, London, UK) / Institute of Cancer Research who has completed a PhD in the molecular pathology of infant gliomas at the ICR. He is aiming to specialise in paediatric neuropathology and molecular pathology with a strong emphasis on research and academic work. He completed a BSc degree in Zoology at the University of Liverpool before completing his medical training at Keele Medical School. After completing his foundation training he applied for core surgical training and completed his MRCS examinations before changing career paths to join histopathology.

Matthew has been a member of the RCPath Trainees’ Advisory Committee (TAC) for a number of years in the capacity of Association of Clinical Pathologists (ACP) representative, Examinations Committee and England Regional Council
representatives, and also held the position of Vice-Chair. He has been the Chair of the committee since November 2018.

Matthew is very passionate about pathology and is very actively involved in the different pathology societies, including being ‘Deputy Meetings Secretary’ of the BDIAP, the Trainee Communications Officer for the ACP and Assistant Editor of the ACP News (due to take over as Editor in 2022). He loves to teach and is very involved with public engagement projects to promote pathology to other healthcare professionals, to schools and the general public. Matthew has been the recipient of an RCPath Trainee Research Award Gold Medal, the RCPath Furness Prize for Science and Communication, RCPath President’s Award, ICR ‘Public Engager of the Year’ award and features in the Pathology Powerlist 2021.