



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

President's e-newsletter – February 2018



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President's Message of the Month

New College research publishing gateway

The College has always been keen to champion new research so I am delighted to announce that members now have the opportunity to submit their research to a new publishing gateway launched by the College.

The gateway is hosted by [F1000Research](#) which also supports similar platforms for organisations such as the Wellcome Trust and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

[The College gateway](#) gives members the opportunity to publish original research, case reports and validation studies of laboratory methods and antibodies as well as being able to submit posters, slides and documents including clinical audits.

Subject to satisfactory peer review by experts, articles will be approved for inclusion on [Pubmed](#) and other bibliographic databases.

The gateway has been funded by the College as a pilot until Autumn 2019.

Publishing charges apply but we are very keen to encourage the publication of work by trainees so, for a limited introductory period, we are offering to subsidise the article processing charges for trainees.

I hope that the new gateway will provide an exciting opportunity for both experienced researchers and trainees to build a new on-line research community for pathologists.

For details about how to submit your research visit - [RCPath Research Gateway](#)

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COLLEGE NEWS

National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) accredit College guidelines

The College is pleased to announce that its NICE accredited process for developing guidelines, *Guidance for authors on writing guidelines*, has been approved and renewed for a further 5 years until July 2022. The NICE accreditation mark will now appear on all College clinical guidelines. See [NICE accreditation](#)

Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS)/RCPath Conjoint Board for Cytology

The IBMS/RCPath Conjoint Board for Cytology is asking for expressions of interest from consultant cytopathologists to join the Conjoint Board. Please see the [College website](#) for further information. Closing date is 12 noon, Tuesday 13 February.

UK consultants

Please complete the online workforce census. The 14 questions take under 5 minutes to answer. Please check/add your professional details at: [Workforce census](#). If you have any queries, please contact Fiona Addiscott at: workforceplanning@rcpath.org

Academy of Medical Royal College's statement – high court ruling GMC v Bawa-Garba

The College [endorses the AoMRC statement](#) regarding the high court ruling on GMC v Bawa-Garba

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Funding for events: Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme

The [Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme](#) is now open. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for individuals or organisations who wish to develop pathology-related public engagement activities or events. For more information, please see our [website](#).

Apply for free Science Communication Training – 14 June – London - Free

We're running one of our very popular free [Science Communication Training](#) courses for members in London this June. The course is run by a professional science communicator from the Science Museum and covers how to plan events and develop activities, how to identify your audience, and how to cater for different learning styles. For more information and how to apply, visit our [website](#) or email publicengagement@rcpath.org. Note that free places are given to those who sign an agreement to run an activity or event within a year of attending the course. There is also an option to pay £150 instead.

Furness Prize for Science Communication: winner announced

The winner has been announced for this year's [Furness Prize for Science Communication](#). Dr Michelle Muscat, a Speciality Registrar Chemical

Pathology (LAS) at the University Hospitals of Leicester, impressed the judges both with the quantity and quality of the science communication work she has undertaken. Dr Muscat's work includes a novel where the main character is a chemical pathologist, school workshops that explored a range of chemical pathology topics including blood tests, high cholesterol and diabetes, and scientific publications on the communication of pathology as part of her PhD.

Special commendation was also given to undergraduate student Teodora Popa who joined together 250 science and medical students from University College London to engage the general public, nine schools and three local libraries about pathology.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- [Tissue pathways for non-neoplastic neuropathology specimens](#)
- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of ocular retinoblastoma](#)
- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of vulval carcinoma](#)

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

[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.

[Quality Improvement Interventions in Pathology](#) **NEW**

22 May 2018 in Newcastle and 17 September in Cardiff - Venues to be confirmed

CPD Credits: 5 per day

In this intense and highly interactive one-day programme you will learn the essential principles of continuous quality improvement (CQI) and how to apply a variety of methods systematically to lead successful improvement interventions. The day will also assist you in developing your own CQI project. The event will be of interest to all trainee and consultant pathologists and biomedical and clinical scientists working in pathology.

Dates for your diary

- **Advances in Transfusion Medicine 2018 (London) 22 and 23 November 2018.**

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Medical Undergraduate Pathology Summer School 2018

Sponsored by the Pathological Society

Dates: 5-6 April 2018

Venue: The University of Manchester and Manchester University Hospitals

Free registration with limited places available

This summer school programme aims to help medical undergraduates understand the role of pathology in research as well as giving them the chance to discover the importance of pathology in patient care. The school will feature a mixture of lectures, workshops and laboratory visits over one and a half days based at the Manchester University Hospitals campus. For

more information visit [Pathology Summer School](#) or to register your interest email admin@pathsoc.org

Breast Cancer Healthcare Professional Training Survey

[Breast Cancer Now](#) is the UK's largest breast cancer charity. It is looking to gather information about training and development including current training needs, availability and training obstacles of pathologists. This information will allow Breast Cancer Now to help support the training and development of pathologists in the future. Please complete an anonymous [10 minute survey](#) by 25 February.

Understanding Barriers to the Introduction of Precision Medicines in Lung Cancer

Stuart Wright a Wellcome Trust Society and Ethics Doctoral Student at the University of Manchester, is running a study as part of his PhD that seeks to understand the barriers faced in introducing EGFR and ALK mutation testing and targeted treatment into the NHS.

While such treatments have been approved for use in the NHS since 2010 (epidermal growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors) and 2014 (anaplastic lymphoma kinase inhibitors), their use in clinical practice was slow to develop. This meant that many patients who may have benefitted from these treatments did not have access to them. The aim of this research is to identify the barriers that slowed the introduction of precision treatments for non-small cell lung cancer. Identifying these barriers may inform the implementation of new precision medicines in non-small cell lung cancer such as programmed death ligand 1 and B-Raf inhibitors.

Stuart is seeking to interview over the phone, clinicians and service providers who have had experience of introducing and providing these interventions to patients. Interviews would last approximately one hour and will be recorded. Participants' details will remain confidential.

If you are interested in taking part in this study, please email stuart.wright-2@manchester.ac.uk or phone 0161 306 7970

UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations – consultation

[UK SMI V 53: Screening and monitoring for hepatitis E infection](#)

Please send comments by 16 February 2018 5:00pm

The relevant Working Group will review all comments received, which will form proposals for changes to the documents.

Please see [terms of use](#) which you must read before accessing the documents. For more information please contact the Standards Unit (standards@phe.gov.uk).

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

- [Non Operative Breast Pathology Update Course](#) – 18-19 April 2018
- [All Wales Lymphoma Panel Course](#) – 16-17 April 2018
- [Hot Topics/Current Issues Management Day](#) – 1 March 2018
- [UK CLL Forum Annual Scientific Day](#) – 7 March 2018
- [UKMF Scientific Workshop - Immunotherapy and the Myeloma Microenvironment](#) – 14 March 2018
- [Central Sterilising Club - Annual Scientific Meeting 2018](#) – 16-17 April 2018
- [BDIAP Molecular Pathology Study Day](#) – 5 March 2018

