



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



## President's e-newsletter – July 2018

### **Serious hazards of commitment...**

I am fortunate to visit a wide range of pathologists all over the UK, and to meet with international colleagues from all over the world, but I have just come back from an absolutely stunning event in Salford. I have never before been to a meeting quite like it. Over 400 people, absolutely committed to and totally focussed on the same single goal, with enthusiasm, determination and amazing energy.

The single goal is to reduce patient harm from transfusion. The meeting launched the [2017 Serious Hazards of Transfusion \(SHOT\) report](#), with important learning for everyone involved in transfusion. The haematologists, transfusion practitioners and transfusion scientists and the SHOT group are an absolute inspiration!

### **Lab tour**

Our latest College [#labtour](#) took me for a couple of days to the brilliant teams at Wythenshawe Hospital and Manchester Royal Infirmary. Impossible to overstate what amazing work they are doing. Superb clinical pathology, laboratory pathology, innovation, and training, and a massive scale transformation programme, including lab refurbishment, that has meant movement of services from one site to another while maintaining service. Superb leadership at divisional and local service level and from the consultants, seniors and principals: they all say "the staff are amazing". I agree. 100%.

### **Listening to members**

We recently sent out our first membership survey to all UK based members. You can see the results summary on our website (log-in required).

Key themes emerging from the survey included the value members placed on the professional status gained through holding College membership and how useful they find the CPD portfolio.

Issues were highlighted where we need to do more. These include making sure that College subscription fees provide better value in terms of member benefits and providing targeted information about your particular speciality.

The College Trustee Board recently approved a new strategy for membership engagement to see how we can improve our services. We will provide updates on progress, as well as surveying our international members, and when we ask you how you think we are getting on, please do click the survey link (the next survey will be shorter...!).

[Our UK and international work relies on a strong network of regional and country advisors.](#) We are also looking for new regional specialty representatives for our Regional Councils, so this is another route to help us improve things for our members. Details are on the website. Do consider!

### **A career in pathology**

Following the recent celebrations for the NHS 70th birthday, the College is encouraging the next generation of pathologists. We've just launched a wide range of [new online careers resources](#), aimed at medical undergraduates and school students. So far, they've been viewed more than 4,000 times.

The new content showcases how rewarding a career in pathology can be with ['day in the life'](#) interviews with pathologists and scientists, plus [summaries of each specialty](#) and [in-depth training information](#). Thank There are also links to other key information including curricula and exams.

Please share our online resources as widely as possible, and send them to your local undergraduate leads and medical schools. If you would like more information about promoting careers in pathology, please email the College's public engagement team at [publicengagement@rcpath.org](mailto:publicengagement@rcpath.org)

### **On the agenda**

- I attended a moving and wonderful celebration of the 70th birthday of the National Health Service at Westminster Abbey. The pictures and tweets of local celebrations from across the nations were also deeply heartwarming. It is really good to celebrate the great work of our services!
- Patient safety: I spoke at the Health Service Journal Patient Safety Congress in Manchester with Dr Alan Fletcher and Professor Peter Furness, on how to ensure the successful roll-out of the medical examiners scheme and spread key learning from this. This programme is really important for relatives and many patient groups, as well as for us as healthcare professionals.

- Workforce and genomics: I had a useful meeting with the members of the PHG Foundation (a health policy think tank) about the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Personalised Medicine where we discussed how we could work together to showcase how central pathology is to personalised medicine in the NHS
- Workforce and cancer prevention: We brought together NHS England, NHS Improvement, Public Health England and other stakeholders where I discussed our concerns about current plans for HPV screening procurement. This was a helpful intervention, and there is now rapid work going on to look at how to answer some of the questions from the pretender discussions, and how to manage and minimise any risks to this vital service.

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## **GET INVOLVED IN THE COLLEGE**

### **Call for Trustee Board nominations**

Nominations are open for two Honorary Officer positions at the College, which take effect from the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15 November:

- Treasurer (to replace Dr David Cassidy)
- Assistant Registrar (to replace Mrs Avril Wayte).

Nominations close on Monday 3 September and we invite members to nominate suitable candidates:

You should have received an email with details of how to submit a nomination from Electoral Reform Services, which is managing the election on behalf of the College. If you have not received the email, please contact [elections2018@rcpath.org](mailto:elections2018@rcpath.org).

### **Haematologist Audit Evaluators**

We are seeking haematologists to evaluate audits submitted for certification. CPD points can be earned for each audit evaluated. For more information and how to apply, [visit our website](#).

### **Trainees' Advisory Committee roles**

We would like to hear from trainees interested in having an active role on the Trainees' Advisory Committee. The committee is made up of trainees representing all specialties and from all the College's regions.

### **Why should I apply?**

This is a great opportunity for you to make a difference, with a chance to collate the opinions of other trainees about your specialty and share your thoughts with the College's Honorary Officers. It is also a chance for you to

network with your peers, get involved with the College's work and support your professional development.

### What roles are available?

- **Cellular Pathology** – Two trainee positions are available to cover histopathology. One trainee will attend the Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) on Cellular Pathology and the other will attend the SAC on Cytopathology. Between them, the representatives would also cover the Histopathology College Specialty Training Committee (CSTC) meetings.
- **Medical Microbiology** – A position is available for a Trainee Representative for the SAC on Medical Microbiology and Trainees Advisory Committee.
- **Clinical Science Committee** – A trainee is sought (to act as deputy) to attend the Trainees' Advisory Committee and [Clinical Science Committee](#). Between them, the representatives will also aim to provide trainee representation at the [National School of Healthcare Scientists Life Sciences Themed Board](#), with one member attending the TAC meetings at a time. Your role would be to represent the views of your colleagues and ensuring you put in place robust processes for your colleagues to feedback and to communicate with the School. The board meets three times a year in Birmingham (travel and expenses are covered by the NSHS), in addition to the TAC meetings.

Please submit a short statement detailing your suitability for the role to:  
Michelle Dominique, Governance and Committee Services  
Officer [michelle.dominique@rcpath.org](mailto:michelle.dominique@rcpath.org)

The closing date for submissions is 5pm on Friday 27 July 2018. Information can be found on [the College website](#).

### Clinical Director of Safety and Quality

The College is recruiting for the new post of Clinical Director of Safety and Quality, who will be responsible for developing the College's patient safety agenda.

Full details of this opportunity and how to apply are [available online](#).

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Oliver Memorial Trainee Travel Bursary

The College administers the Oliver Memorial Fund, set up in memory of Percy Lane Oliver, who in 1921 created the world's first voluntary blood donor service.

The Percy Oliver Transfusion Medicine Trainee Travel Bursary is offered each spring and autumn to a value of up to £500. If you are a trainee clinician or clinical scientist, enrolled in a recognised UK training scheme and working

in the field of transfusion science, and planning to attend a national or international blood transfusion meeting, then we would welcome an application from you for funding towards the cost of travel and accommodation to attend such a meeting.

Further details and an application form can be downloaded from [the website](#).

Deadline is 5 pm on Monday 27 August 2018.

If you have any questions about the bursary please contact us by email at: [TAC@rcpath.org](mailto:TAC@rcpath.org) – The Transfusion Medicine SAC.

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

### **NHS70 celebrations continue with pathologists running activities at London's Science Museum**

Three member-led activities will be taking place at the Science Museum's NHS70-themed Late event, '[Medicine](#)' on 25 July. Three groups of pathologists who attended our [Advanced Science Communication training course](#) in April have developed interactive activities exploring pathology and its role in the history and ongoing development of the NHS and organ transplantation. We will be capturing highlights via our social media channels on the night, as well as developing the activities into new downloadable resources for use by other members.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **Are you Involved In drug discovery and development?**

Drug discovery and development involves a range of clinical disciplines. Crucially however, it all starts in the laboratory. The International Department is currently exploring the important role and contribution of pathologists, scientists and laboratory medicine professionals in the drug development process and how the results from research undertaken in the laboratory are directly used to develop new ways to treat patients and combat disease.

We are keen to hear from College members who are involved in drug discovery, design, research and development with a view to showcasing this work as part of the 2018 International Pathology Day celebrations. If you would like to get involved, please email [pathologyday@rcpath.org](mailto:pathologyday@rcpath.org)

### **Cycle 100 miles for the College: Prudential RideLondon – Sunday 29 July 2018**

Support College Fellow and Regional Council for Wales's member [Dr Jim Seale](#) at this year's Prudential RideLondon challenge, which is taking place on Sunday 29 July 2018, by visiting his fundraising page: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/jimseale1>

Dr Seale will be cycling 100 miles from Surrey to London to raise much-needed funds to support the implementation and evaluation of a human papillomavirus (HPV) screening pilot project in Zimbabwe.

HPV is the cause of almost all cervical cancer cases and is responsible for an important fraction of other anogenital and head and neck cancers. Current

estimates indicate that every year in Zimbabwe 2,270 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 1,451 (64%) die from the disease. The pilot aims to reduce this mortality rate through the introduction of a screening programme and the training of health workers to build local capacity and sustainability.

#### **New appointment: International Regional Advisor for Europe**

Dr Monica Terlizzo's appointment was approved by the College Council when they met in June.

Dr Terlizzo will oversee her respective country advisor networks in the European region and input into the College's decision-making structure and processes.

She will also be an active member of the International Committee, which meets twice each year. Dr Terlizzo started her career in histopathology in 1995.

A member of the Royal College of Pathologists, she was appointed as a consultant histopathologist at Aintree University Hospital (AUH) in 2007 and became the lead pathologist for hepatobiliary, upper gastrointestinal pathology and dermatopathology. In 2016, she was appointed consultant histopathologist at Royal Marsden Hospital (London) where she works in the gastro and skin units.

She is involved in the implementation of digital pathology within the trust. Alongside her clinical experience, Dr Terlizzo took on the role of Designated Individual under the Human Tissue Act for AUH (2010–2014). In the final two years there, she was heavily involved in the merger of the pathology departments, as clinical lead and representing the AUH histopathology medical staff. She was also Deputy Clinical Director for Liverpool Clinical Laboratories.

#### **New appointment: Country Advisor for Ireland**

Our international work relies on a strong network of regional and country advisors. We have the pleasure of announcing Professor Elaine Kay's appointment as the College Country Advisor for Ireland. Her appointment was approved by College Council when they met in June. Professor Elaine Kay is a consultant histopathologist and Professor of Academic Pathology at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, the Royal College of Pathologists and the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Elaine has served as both Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary of the Faculty of Pathology in Ireland. She has also served as National Specialty Director for histopathology training in Ireland and plays an active role in both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and training.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer Forum – What Causes Breast Cancer? What Cures It?**

**London, Friday 14 September 2018**

The College has partnered with the Royal Society of Medicine and Pink Ribbon to deliver this year's Breast Cancer Forum. For the first time, a special

session that will explore a range of international perspectives will be held at the forum. Organised by the College and chaired by Dr Rachael Liebmann, Vice President for Communications, confirmed panel speakers include:

- Dr Hania Fadl, Founder and Chief Executive of the Khartoum Breast Cancer Care Centre (Sudan)
- Dr Nada Alwan, Professor of Pathology, University of Baghdad & Director, National Cancer Research Center (Iraq)
- Dr Abeer Shabaan, Consultant Pathologist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham & Breast Subspecialty Lead, West Midlands Clinical Research Network (UK & Egypt)
- Dr Shahin Sayed, Consultant Histopathologist, Aga Khan University Hospital Nairobi & Secretary-General, College of Pathologists of East, Central and Southern Africa (Kenya)

For further information and to book your place, please visit [Breast Cancer Forum](#)

### **IPD Become a Mentor for Medical Microbiology or Chemical Pathology overseas trainees!**

#### **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. The International Trainee Support Scheme (ITSS) provides structured support, advice, mentoring and guidance to overseas doctors and scientists who are planning to sit the College's FRCPath Part 1 and Part 2 examinations. This year, the Scheme will be opened for overseas trainees wishing to sit for the relevant examination in Medical Microbiology and Chemical Pathology. Mentoring is an essential component of the scheme and we would like to hear from any Fellows or Trainees (ST3-5) in Medical Microbiology and Chemical Pathology 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 Lescisnova, International Education Officer.

### **COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA**

#### **[Disruptive Technology in Pathology](#)**

**10th and 11th October 2018**

**To be held at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists,  
27 Sussex Place, London NW1 4RG.**

**CPD Credits: 11**

**This is a joint event with the Association of Clinical Pathologists.**

Rapid advances in technology are impacting all areas of pathology. Over the next few years we can expect to see even more amazing innovation enter our world and our practice. This meeting highlights some of the most advanced recent developments and the ways in which these developments



are about to change patient care. This is a special meeting bringing together pathologists, industry and world experts across a range of areas, to showcase innovations that are changing healthcare, and are changing the way we think about pathology practice.

### [The Golden Hour – Why do injured people die?](#)

**Saturday 10 November 2018**

**To be held at the Wellcome Collection, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE**

**CPD Credit: 5**

The Golden Hour Conference in association with the College is a meeting for key figures in the field of pre-hospital trauma ranging from clinicians, radiologists, pathologists and representatives of HM coroner - in fact, anyone who is interested in helping the clinical pre-hospital sector understand more fully the causes of death in injured patients.

This conference will mark a new era in transforming current knowledge and understanding of why patients die from traumatic injury. It will be significant in helping to change the culture of working between clinicians, radiologists, pathologists and coroners to build a case for change in the area of death from injury, as well as prompting the development of new therapies and strategies that could reduce the number of deaths from severe injury. We also hope this event will enable all those working across this sector to join speakers from across the disciplines of pre-hospital, pathology and virtual autopsy to discuss how best to understand and study this important field.

### [Advances in Transfusion Medicine](#)

**Thursday 22 and Friday 23 November 2018**

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

**11 CPD Credits for the both days**

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 together with leaders in transfusion science to provide a broad overview of current key developments. The meeting will be of wide interest to all those involved in transfusion medicine.

### [IAC Tutorials](#)

**Monday 3 December–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 RCPATH are delighted to be hosting the IAC tutorial in London at the new College's new premises. The tutorial will cover a wide range of topics, providing up-to-date information by international experts in the field. The talks are followed by PowerPoint-based seminars on the topics, with plenty of opportunity to interact with the faculty during and after sessions.

## NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

### Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund

#### From data to early diagnosis and precision medicine – closing date 1 August 2018

The closing date for applications for projects that aim to build a network of centres of excellence in digital pathology is approaching. More information is [available on the Government website](#).

### Professional Record Standards Body, NHS Digital and the Digital Diagnostics programme

The Royal College of Pathologists is working with the Professional Record Standards Body (PRSB), NHS Digital and the Digital Diagnostics programme to support standardisation for pathology coding. This will improve safety and efficiency across health and social care and lead to better outcomes for patients. For more information [please visit the PRSB's website](#).

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

- [Histopathology of the Bone Marrow](#) – 10 September 2018
- [HIS 2018](#) – 26-28 November 2018
- [Breast Pathology Masterclass Rome 2018](#) – 19-20 September 2018
- [Infection Prevention 2018](#) – 30 September- 2 October 2018
- [Embryo biopsy workshop](#) – 11-12 September 2018
- [Challenge or Conform: Finding Consensus in an Evolving Specialty](#) – 27-28 September 2018
- [GI Pathology Update](#) – 10 December 2018
- [UK CLL Forum Clinical Sciences Day - Defining High Risk CLL - Beyond p53](#) – 28 September 2018
- [UK Myeloma Forum Autumn Day - Unusual Presentations of Gammopathies and Associated Conditions](#) – 8 November 2018
- [UK Biobanking Showcase 2018](#) – 27 November 2018
- [Molecular Diagnostics Training School](#) – 24-26 September 2018
- [Image Analysis Training School](#) – 27-28 September 2018
- [Immunomodulation, GVHD and Transplant Dilemmas](#) – 14 September 2018
- [Transplants and T Cells: new solutions for old problems?](#) – 25 September 2018
- [2nd East Midlands Laboratory Diagnostic Mycology Course](#) – 19-20 September 2018
- [UK MDS Forum Education Day](#) – 5 November 2018
- [BSBMT Education Day](#) – 9 October 2018
- [St Mark's gastrointestinal histopathology workshop](#) – 7 September 2018
- [Educational Workshops 2018: The Ongoing Challenges of MRSA](#) – 17-21 September 2018
- [BAGP Week Long Course](#) – 17-21 September 2018



