



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

President's e-newsletter – April 2018



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President's Messages of the Month

Pathology lab tour

One of the more enjoyable opportunities of being a president of a medical royal college is that I get to meet members, both in the UK and abroad. I value the deeper understanding from these face-face meetings of the challenges we face as a profession as well as hearing about local issues.

I also get to see some great and innovative work. I want to build on what I have seen and learnt, so I have made a personal goal to visit pathology departments in the UK, and to meet as many of our overseas fellows as possible. I am already shameless about popping in to departments to say hello, and will continue to do so if you will allow me in!

Medical Examiners – One year to go

The recent conference on implementing medical examiners demonstrated a real commitment and eagerness from those attending to make sure this vital patient safety initiative is ready to go live in acute Trusts from April 2019, as a prelude to the expected full roll out to all healthcare settings.

Many trusts are already taking steps to make this happen. I heard first-hand accounts from medical examiners from across England and Wales who offered valuable insights in setting up a medical examiner programme. What was particularly striking is that they all reported high levels of

satisfaction with the system from bereaved families.

As the lead Royal College for medical examiners, we are working closely with the Medical Examiner Strategic Programme Board to support the development and rollout of a network of medical examiners, including developing a range of materials and resources such as curricula, training programmes and job descriptions.

Engaging stakeholders

I recently met the Chair of the Science and Technology Committee, the Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP. We discussed how emerging technologies are changing pathology practice but will need IT investment. I also raised some of the challenges facing the pathology workforce.

I am also pleased to have a date in the diary to meet the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, Rob Behrens CBE, to discuss how the introduction of medical examiners will fit with the NHS's wider patient safety initiative.

Following this theme, I will be speaking at the conference; *Next steps for Improving Patient Safety in the NHS* on 26 April organised by the [Westminster Health Forum](#).

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COLLEGE NEWS

International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting Dataset Consultation (ICCR)

The draft ICCR datasets for the pathology reporting of [CNS and Head & Neck](#) are now available for review. The documents will be available for comments until Friday 4 May 2018.

General Medical Council (GMC) – Annual Survey

The GMC has launched its annual national survey for doctors in training and trainers, which runs until Wednesday 2 May 2018. For this first time, the GMC will be asking a series of questions around wellbeing and the impact of tiredness and workload. The surveys are taking place at a challenging time for doctors and employers. A high response rate however, will provide vital, robust and comprehensive data about training posts and programmes. This data can then be used to measure the quality of postgraduate medical education and training, to help employers find out how doctors view the quality of training within their trust and any additional support required for trainers. A strong response is encouraged from both doctors in training and trainers to enable the GMC to improve their understanding of issues and how they can develop solutions and support. [Please visit GMC survey.](#)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Careers talks in schools for NHS70

We're encouraging pathologists around the UK to give a careers talk in a school in June or July. This is part of an initiative led by the [Academy of Medical Royal Colleges](#) in association with [Speakers4Schools](#), and which supports the College's [programme of activity](#) to celebrate the [70th anniversary of the NHS](#). The aim is to develop a programme of school visits by senior health and care staff to talk about their work and to encourage children and young people to work in the NHS. If you would like to take part, please email publicengagement@rcpath.org with your name, job title, organisation and location and we will then put you in touch with the team at Speakers4Schools. Further information can be found on the [College's volunteering page](#) and on the [Speakers4Schools website](#).

Free ethics workshops for schools - Nottingham

We are running our popular [Your Body, Your Consent?](#) biomedical ethics workshop in Nottingham on 20 July. Please pass on details of this opportunity to any secondary schools and sixth form colleges you know of. The event is aimed

at A-level biology and chemistry students and introduces them to [pathology](#) and its ethical implications, allowing them to share their views on important topics such as organ donation, consent and the use of human tissue in research. Facilitated by pathologists, students will have the opportunity to consider different perspectives from the public, pathologists, other medical professionals, legislative bodies and the media, as well as to share their views. There are also opportunities to [volunteer](#) as a facilitator at this event. If you would like more information please email publicengagement@rcpath.org.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Take part in a Cycle Challenge in the Capital

Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 - Sunday 29 July 2018

Join College fellow and Regional Council for Wales member [Dr Jim Seale](#) on the Prudential Ride London to Surrey 100 challenge, which is taking place on Sunday 29 July 2018. 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*, the College has guaranteed places for this year's challenge. There are still places available if you would like to join in.

The International Team will be on hand to look after you every step of the way, offering advice and tips, of course, and the coveted College cycling vest.

Help make a difference and register to take part. For further information and to secure your place, please email [Deborah Ko](#), International Coordinator by Monday 21 May.

Be a Global Health Challenger for the world - register now

Global Health Challenges 2018

If you are looking to take part in something fun why not embark on an exciting sports adventure or challenge event to raise money for the College's Global Health Fund to help middle and low income countries improve their pathology services to help save lives.

Here is a selection of College's Global Health Challenges taking place in 2018:

The Great Wall of China Trek is a fantastic Global Health Challenge which involves hiking for five days. The challenge takes you over ancient watch towers and mountains, through historic battlement stations that are well off the tourist trail. The trek will take place between 8 - 16 September 2018.

Join hundreds of other enthusiastic cyclists in our **London to Paris Tour de France bike ride** and experience this famous route as well as the opportunity to join in with the finale of the world's greatest cycle race, entering Paris in one large peloton.

The London to Paris Tour de France bike ride will take place between 25 - 29 July 2018.

The **Three Peaks Challenge** is the most highly regarded trekking challenge in the UK. If you think you have the sheer grit and determination to complete this fast-paced challenge please get in touch. Covering 26 miles and with a total trekking time of 15 hours or fewer, you will climb around 10,000 feet. The challenge will take place between 21 - 23 of September 2018. To find out more and to secure your place, please kindly email [Deborah Ko](mailto:Deborah.Ko@rcpath.org), International Coordinator.

Become a Mentor - International Trainee Support Scheme (ITSS)

The 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. Mentoring is an essential 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](mailto:Zuzana.Lescisinova@rcpath.org), International Education Officer.

Save the Date & Sign-Up International Pathology Day 2018

International Pathology Day (IPD) will take place on Wednesday 14 November 2018 and planning is already underway. This year, the College will be hosting a one-day conference on the *role of pathology and laboratory medicine in drug discovery, development, research and innovation*. The day will be filled with talks, interactive exhibitions, presentations and our popular roundtable.

Save the date and keep an eye on the [College website](#) where we will soon publish the registration link. You can also email pathologyday@rcpath.org to be kept up-to-date.

If you are interested in partnering the College or organising an IPD event in your community, country or region we would like to hear from you! Email us at pathologyday@rcpath.org.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

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

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

[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.

Digital Pathology: Best practice recommendations and validation

Wednesday 4 July 2018

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

CPD Credits: 6

The aim of this event is to introduce the RCPATH best practice recommendations for digital pathology and explain digital pathology validation for primary diagnosis.

Disruptive Technology in Pathology

10 – 11 October 2018

To be held at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

27 Sussex Place, Marylebone,

London NW1 4RG

The Royal College of Pathologists and the [Association of Clinical Pathologists](#) held in collaboration with the [British In Vitro Diagnostics Association](#).

Rapid advances in technology are impacting all areas of pathology. Over the next few years we can expect to see even more amazing innovation in pathology 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 event will feature internationally renowned individuals who are at the cutting edge of developments such as hand-held gene sequencers, scanning mass spectroscopy, and augmented reality, as well as speakers at the forefront of international therapy developments who are putting real innovation into practice, both in the setting of clinical trials, but also large scale clinical implementation.

The programme includes a *Path Dragon* session where cutting edge start up and SMEs will pitch to the audience and an expert panel. The programme is aimed at current and trainee pathologists who want to find out what they will be doing and dealing with in the near future, and how they can innovate and bring their innovations into practice.

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.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

- [Histopathology of the Bone Marrow](#) – 10 September 2018
- [BSBMT Scientific Day](#) – 2 May 2018
- [ACB Microbiology Professional Group Annual Scientific Meeting](#) – 6 June 2018
- [Dublin - Haematological Malignancies and Future of Immunotherapy](#) – 18 May 2018
- [HIS 2018](#) – 26-28 November 2018
- [South West Haemostasis and Thrombosis Meeting](#) – 10 May 2018
- [Focus 2018 Training Day](#) – 6 June 2018
- [18th London Lymphoma Forum - Hodgkin Lymphoma](#) – 23 May 2018
- [Breast Pathology Masterclass Rome 2018](#) – 19-20 September 2018
- [Infection Prevention 2018](#) – 30 September- 2 October 2018
- [Annual Shot Symposium 2018](#) – 12 July 2018

