



President's e-newsletter – May 2019

President's Messages of the Month

May is Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Awareness Month

CQI Awareness Month is underway! Organised and hosted by the College, the aim of the month is to encourage pathologists to get involved in quality improvement activities to improve care and services for patients.

We are launching a range of resources to support you to undertake CQI in your workplace including a series of webinars and podcasts.

This week we have released:

- A webinar with Dr Nadeem Moghal who outlines the science of continuous quality improvement, including a model for improvement and the principles which underlie it.
- A podcast from Professor Sebastian Lucas about the importance of high quality in autopsy services and the challenges to implementing guidelines and improvements.

Look out for more webinars and podcasts in the coming weeks.

You can also join in by taking part in the #5SMYDesk social media challenge and nominating a colleague for our Quality Improvement at Work competition.

Inspiring the next generation of pathologists

One of the College's aims is to inspire and support the next generation of pathologists.

The College's first Foundation Taster day is an excellent opportunity for foundation doctors to explore fantastic careers in pathology. Sponsored by British Division of the International Academy of Pathology (BDIAP) and held in the College's new

building, delegates will have the opportunity to meet consultants and trainees from each of the major specialties.

Our popular annual [pathology summer school](#) is open to medical undergraduates in any year of training. It offers students the opportunity to find out about the wide range of pathology specialties through a mixture of lectures and small-group interactive breakout sessions.

The school is held over two days in August. The closing date for applications is 15 May. Please pass on this opportunity via your networks and to any medical undergraduates you know.

An update on NHS England Cervical Screening Programme (CSP)

Following the evaluation of the bids received for the procurement for the provision of laboratory services to support the delivery of the HPV primary screening, NHS England have confirmed it will formalise contracts with bidders in respect of seven of the nine lots. For more information please see [Cervical Screening Programme Update](#).

Round-up

- Throughout April the College supported [Bowel Cancer Awareness Month 2019](#). We worked with members and [Bowel Cancer UK](#) to highlight the role of pathologists in the diagnosis and management of bowel cancer. Activities included a meeting with our Chair of the [Wales Regional Council](#), Dr Jonathan Kell who met Nick Thomas-Symonds MP for Torfaen to discuss bowel cancer screening targets and the pathology workforce. College Fellow, Dr Ruth Ayling's [blog](#) highlighted the vital work of chemical pathologists in bowel cancer screening. You can find a full round-up at [BCAM 2019](#)
- I was delighted to host Jim Fitzpatrick MP, one of the College's local MPs (Poplar and Limehouse), on a lab visit to Bart's Health NHS Trust. Jim has been very supportive of the issues facing the pathology workforce and has a real interest in all those who support patient diagnosis and care.
- I was very pleased to speak at the [British Society of Haematology](#) meeting in Glasgow. It was fantastic to so many haematologists. I also attended the Transfusion 2024 event held at the Royal College of GPs which focused on the future of transfusion. The event is a clinical symposium organised in partnership between [NHS Blood and Transplant](#), the [National Blood Transfusion Committee](#), and [NHS England](#).
- We recently responded to the [House of Commons Science and Technology committee inquiry on commercial genomics](#). Our submission was a joint response with the [Royal College of Physicians](#) and the [joint committee on genomic medicine](#). We are excited by the opportunities for genomics to advance medicine and improve health. Genomics has already transformed the lives of many and promises much more in the future. However, our response stressed that genomic tests should only be approved for use in healthcare if there is evidence of benefit to the individuals being tested. When used for screening this means that before implementation they must meet the same requirements as other types of screening test. We are also contributing to the discussion on ethics and have met with a range of bodies including the [Nuffield Council on Bioethics team](#).

- Following on from the workshop we hosted in February for Professor Sir Mike Richards, to inform his [review of national cancer screening](#) for NHS England, we have also submitted College evidence to the review. Our submission highlighted the need for workforce training and development along with suitable infrastructure (especially IT) to enable it to operate effectively. The report from the review is expected by summer of this year.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Trainee Research Medals 2019

The RCPATH Research Committee has launched the 2019 Research Medal Awards for trainees. Applications are open until 5.00 pm on Friday 2 August 2019.

The medals are awarded annually for outstanding research work undertaken by pathologists or scientists in training. Medals are awarded for research published in the specialties in the relevant year (1 July - 30 June).

Medals awarded are:

- A Gold Research Medal is awarded for the best research published.
- Specialty Research Medals are awarded to the best candidates in each of the major specialties of the College.

Full details of the submission process and eligibility criteria are available on the [College website](#):

Call for nominations for President Elect and Northern Ireland Regional Chair

Nominations will open on the 3 June for Honorary Officer College positions to take effect from the College's Annual General Meeting in November.

The two Honorary Officer roles are:

- President Elect
- Northern Ireland Regional Council Chair.

College fellows will receive an email with details of how to submit a nomination from the [Electoral Reform Services](#), who are managing the election on behalf of the College. If you have not received the email, please contact elections@rcpath.org

CPD Portfolio

The CPD team would like to thank everyone who rated the online CPD portfolio in the 2018 Member Satisfaction Survey. More than 11,000 members were sent the survey. The online CPD portfolio received 72% for satisfaction and 86% for importance, making it the highest-rated member benefit.

The team supports members throughout their professional careers with CPD and provides expert advice on registering, using the online CPD portfolio and submitting CPD returns. We processed over 1,400 CPD returns for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. If you have not done so already, please submit [your CPD return to us by 30 June 2019](#).

New revised model job descriptions and supporting documents

The College has launched a revised set of model job descriptions and supporting documents, which are available [online](#).

[The Workforce team](#) provides a job description review and endorsement service for consultant-level and specialty doctor (SAS)-grade posts. In 2018 we reviewed and endorsed 473 job descriptions.

We also assist in arranging College nominated assessors to attend interview panels or advisory appointment committees (AACs) on behalf of the College. In 2018 we arranged for 347 assessors to attend an interview panel or AAC on behalf of the College.

Percy Oliver Trainee Travel Bursary

The Trainee Travel Bursary is offered each spring and autumn to a value of up to £500. The bursary can be used to cover travel and accommodation costs for trainee clinicians and clinical scientists, enrolled in a recognised UK training scheme and working in the field of transfusion medicine, to enable their participation in a national or international blood transfusion meeting.

Further details and an application form can be downloaded from the [College website](#). Deadline is 5 pm on Monday 26 August 2019.

Trainees' Advisory Committee (TAC) roles

Trainees! Take an active role on the TAC. The committee covers all specialties and all College regions. Representatives on the TAC are responsible for raising issues on behalf of trainees in their specialty. The committee representatives are also active members of the [College's specialty committees](#); participating in discussions and informing the committee of the views of specialty trainees.

Why should I apply?

Make a difference by working with other trainees in your specialty, network with your peers, get involved with the College's work and support your professional development.

What TAC roles are available?

- **Transfusion Medicine Representative**

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 28 June 2019 and further details about the role can be found at [TAC roles](#).

Events @ No 6 at 6 Alie Street – sixth floor roof terrace

You can now book the sixth floor roof terrace and boardroom at 6 Alie Street. The top floor terrace is an ideal space for a variety of different events and can accommodate up to 60 guests. It is complemented by a boardroom designed for meetings, away days, drinks receptions and fine dining. Both spaces have views across London's iconic skyline. To host your next professional or private event, please contact the team sales@eventsatno6.com or visit: [Events @ No 6](#).

REGIONAL NEWS

[Northern Ireland Symposium 2019 - New Directions in Pathology](#)

Friday 21 June 2019

3 CPD credits

The event will be held at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Belfast City Hospital Belfast, BT9 7AP

This symposium is aimed at College fellows, members, trainees and others interested in pathology in Northern Ireland. Delegates will hear from speakers about upcoming themes in pathology and will have the opportunity to share some of the developments happening across Northern Ireland. They will also hear from the President, Professor Jo Martin, about the College's work in Northern Ireland. Trainees will have the opportunity to meet with the President and discuss any relevant matters.

[Wales Regional Symposium 2019](#)

Wednesday 26 June 2019

4 CPD credits

The event will be held at the National Imaging Academy Wales, Pencoed Business Park, Bridgend, CF35 5HY

This symposium is aimed at College fellows, members, trainees, medical students and others interested in pathology in Wales. Delegates will hear from speakers about upcoming themes in the field of pathology and have the opportunity to share some of the developments happening in Wales. They will also hear from the College President, Professor Jo Martin, about the College's work in Wales. Trainees will have the opportunity to meet with the President and discuss any relevant matters.

College's England Regional Council pathology consolidation survey

At its March 2019 meeting, the College's England Regional Council (ERC) considered an update on NHS Improvement's pathology network implementation. There was interest to hear from the College's members about how pathology network implementation is taking place in laboratories and trusts across England. In particular, the ERC would like to know how well this initiative has been communicated to you and your department, as well as to what extent you have been consulted and involved in discussions.

A College survey was sent to all fellows in England. Please submit your feedback via the survey by Friday 17 May 2019. If you have not received the survey or if you have

had any problems in accessing the survey please contact Jessica Zago, Regional Coordinator, at: Jessica.Zago@rcpath.org

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

[Furness Prize for Science Communication](#) opens for 2019

The annual award, [The Furness Prize for Science Communication](#), is now open for nominations. Open to pathology trainees and undergraduates studying relevant degrees, the award aims to raise awareness among pathology trainees and undergraduates about the importance of public engagement, as well as to reward and recognise trainees and undergraduates who have shown excellence in their science communication activities. A prize of £200 is awarded to the winner of the competition, funded by past College President Professor Peter Furness (2008–2011). The winner will be invited to receive their prize at the College's New Fellow's Ceremony in London in February 2020. The Furness Prize is open for self nominations until 29 October 2019. For further information visit the [webpage](#).

[Public Engagement Grant scheme](#) open for applications until 3 June – apply for £1,000 for your events and activities

If you have a great idea for a public engagement project but need some money to get going, why not consider applying for one of our public engagement grants? Run annually, our [Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme](#) provides financial support for the delivery of pathology related activities and events in the UK. 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 visit the [website](#) or email publicengagement@rcpath.org.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Get involved with International Pathology Day this November

This year's International Pathology Day (IPD) will take place on 13 November and will focus on advances in rapid and point-of-care diagnostic testing.

The College is seeking expressions of interest from members to participate on the day. In particular we are looking for:

- keynote speakers
- workshop facilitators
- exhibitors – posters to showcase your trust or organisation
- panellists – take part in a discussion about the main theme of the day and take questions from the audience.

If you are interested in being involved in this year's IPD, which will be held at the Royal College of Pathologists' new building in London, please email: pathologyday@rcpath.org by Friday 31 May.

Please indicate in your email how you would be interested in contributing to the day based on the options listed above. Please also include details of your professional experience in advances in rapid and point-of-care diagnostic testing.

NEW DOCUMENTS AND CONSULTATIONS

Published documents

- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of peripheral neuroblastic tumours](#)

- [Guidelines on autopsy practice: Neonatal death](#)
- [Guidelines on autopsy practice: Postoperative deaths](#)
- [Tissue pathways for endocrine pathology](#)
- [Bariatric surgery autopsy guideline](#)

Open for consultation

- [Tissue pathway for native medical renal biopsies](#)
- [Tissue pathway for diagnostic cytopathology](#)
- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of neuroendocrine neoplasms of the gastroenteropancreatic tract](#)

Abridged consultation

- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of carcinomas of the pancreas, ampulla of Vater and common bile duct](#)

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Foundation Taster Day

Saturday 29 June 2019

CPD credits: TBC

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

The newly launched Foundation Taster Scheme is an exciting opportunity for foundation doctors to explore pathology careers. It combines a regional clinical taster day with an event in the College's new building. The event is sponsored by the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology (BDIAP). Participants will be able to meet consultants and trainees from each of the major specialties to talk to them about their work, what training involves and the variety of opportunities available for trainees. In addition, they will receive advice about the application process and how to be successful at interview, as well as how to pursue academic and research opportunities in pathology. There will be a chance to put pathology specialties to the test: can they help diagnose what is wrong with the mystery patient who is unconscious in the park? There will also be the chance to submit a pathology-related poster and win a prize of £100 from the Association of Clinical Pathologists (ACP). Delegates will be given support to organise their own clinical taster day in a specialty of interest.

Pathology Summer School

Thursday 15 and Friday 16 August 2019

To be held at the Royal College of Pathologists, 6 Alie Street, London, E1 8QT and the Gordon Museum of Pathology

This annual event held every August is open to medical students in any year of training. It offers the opportunity to find out about the wide range of pathology specialties through a mixture of lectures and small group interactive breakout sessions. This two-day course will give students a chance to talk to current trainees and established consultants about their careers. This is not a revision course but a chance to learn more about the role of pathology in healthcare, including current research and future advances. The content is relevant for all medical undergraduates, not just those considering a career in pathology. All doctors use pathology services and benefit from a greater understanding of the specialty.

Retired Fellows' Lunch

The Retired Fellows' Lunch will take place on 17 September 2019. This lunch is open to all fellows formally registered with the College as retired. It will be held at the new College building at 6 Alie Street, London E1 8QT. This is an opportunity for retired fellows to meet old friends and perhaps make new acquaintances. It follows on from the previous successful lunches. Tickets are priced at £40 for a three course lunch with wine. More details will be available shortly.

Medical Examiners, Face-to-face training

Event dates below.

Medical examiners will ensure accurate death certification across a local area, provide much-needed support for bereaved families and improve patient safety. Medical examiners will be doctors registered with the GMC holding a current licence to practise. Any doctor wishing to work as a medical examiner will need to attend a face-to-face training day and complete mandatory e-learning modules.

The Royal College of Pathologists, the lead medical royal college for medical examiners, is providing the essential training which will equip you with the knowledge and skills you will need for this important role. The day will include short presentations, small group discussions of case scenarios and the opportunity to share experience. The training has been trialled with experienced medical examiners from pilot or early adopter sites.

A certificate will be awarded to provide evidence of completion of the face-to-face component of the medical examiner training. This training complements the e-learning which you must complete before attending this training. The College is inviting new medical examiners to join the Royal College of Pathologists. This is dependent on completion of this training and evidence of satisfactory completion of the e-learning modules. Important, it is necessary to stay for the entire day to receive a certificate of completion of this training. You must have completed all 26 core e-learning modules before attending the face-to-face training.

Medical Examiner face-to-face training session

Thursday 20 June 2019

CPD Credits: 6

To be held at Well Met, Cloth Hall Court, Quebec Street, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS1 2HA

Medical Examiner face-to-face training session

Wednesday 10 July 2019

CPD Credits: 6

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

Medical Examiner face-to-face training session

Wednesday 11 September 2019

CPD Credits: 6

To be held at the University of Birmingham, Aston Webb Boulevard, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B15 2GR

Medical Examiner face-to-face training session

Thursday 14 November 2019

CPD Credits: 6

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

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND JOINT WORKING

GMC consultation on getting effective feedback from patients

The GMC is consulting on proposed changes to how doctors collect and reflect on patient feedback as part of their revalidation. The closing date for responses is 23 July. [Visit GMC consultation.](#)

Standing up for Science workshop – University of Warwick on Friday 14 June 2019

Organised by [Sense about Science](#), this workshop will give delegates the opportunity to:

- meet researchers who have engaged with the media.
- Learn from policymakers about why good evidence is important for them and how researchers can help to inform policy.
- Hear from science journalists about how the media works.
- Learn how to respond and comment, and what journalists expect from scientists and researchers.
- Get hints and tips from communications experts on standing up for science, and find out how to involve the public in communicating research.

The event is free for science, technology, engineering, maths (STEM) and social science early career researchers, trainees and medical professionals. Apply at [Standing up for Science Workshop](#).

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#). RCPATH CPD accredited online resources can be found at the following [link](#)

- [UK Clinical Vaccine Network Conference 2019 – 14 June 2019](#)
- [Current Thinking in Haematological Malignancies – 4 June 2019](#)
- [KetoConference – 14 May 2019](#)
- [Annual SHOT symposium – 9 July 2019](#)
- [British Infection Association - 22nd Annual Clinical & Scientific Meeting – 23 May 2019](#)
- [King's CAR-T Preceptorship Course – 13-15 May 2019](#)
- [Current Thinking in Haematological Malignancies – DUBLIN – 5 July 2019](#)

