

Announcements

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CERTIFICATION OF PATHOLOGISTS

The American Board of Pathology is the certifying agency for pathologists in the United States. Certification is a four-step process that documents that a candidate has successfully completed each of the following:

- a course of professional education
- approved residency training
- the application process
- the certification examinations

The candidate must successfully complete the course of study in a medical/osteopathic school accredited by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association or accepted by The American Board of Pathology and must be awarded the doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathic medicine degree.

The candidate must then successfully complete residency training in a program accredited for pathology training by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. The interaction with the program director is critical to this phase of the process, because the program director must endorse the candidate as qualified to sit for the examinations.

The application process begins with a written request by the candidate and continues until the candidate has been declared qualified to take the examinations. This process documents the candidate's successful completion of medical education, which includes a copy of a valid, full, and unrestricted license to practice medicine or osteopathy issued by one of the licensing agencies of the United States or Canada. Letters of reference are required from persons who can attest to the candidate's character, abilities, and level of proficiency in the discipline. In addition, the program director must review and sign the application form, thereby verifying that the applicant successfully completed the residency training program and supporting the candidate's request for certification.

The certification examination is the final step in the process. In order to be successful, the candidate must demonstrate adequate knowledge in the discipline by achieving a passing score in the written and practical examinations.

Successful completion of the course of study, the approved residency training, the application process, and the certifying examinations results in the awarding of a certificate attesting to the diplomate status of the candidate.

PATHOLOGY UPDATE 2001

November 2–3, 2001
Toronto, Ontario

PROGRAM

Gastrointestinal Pathology
Chair—Dr. Mahmoud Khalifa

Pathology of Bullous Diseases of the Skin
Chairs—Dr. Dalal Assaad

Genitourinary Pathology
Chair—Dr. Joan Sweet

Gynecological Pathology
Chair—Dr. Terence Colgan

Soft Tissue Tumors
Featured Speaker
Dr. Christopher Fletcher
Harvard Medical School/
The Brigham and Women's Hospital
Department of Pathology

Bench to Bedside session:

Soft Tissue Tumors
Dr. Rita Kandel

What's New in Prostatic Lesions?
Dr. Jeremy Squire

Study Credits

Maintenance of Certification Program of the
Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada

AMA Category I

Course Directors

Dr. Jagdish Butany
Dr. Wedad Hanna

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POSTGRADUATE COURSE: CURRENT CONCEPTS IN SURGICAL PATHOLOGY

November 12–16, 2001, The Four Seasons Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts—The Department of Pathology, Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Harvard Medical School (HMS) will present a five-day postgraduate course, Current Concepts in Surgical Pathology, 23rd Annual Course under the direction of Drs. Eugene J. Mark, Robert H. Young, and Nancy L. Harris with twenty-six faculty members from the Massachusetts General Hospital.

The objective of this course is to improve the skills of surgical pathologists by focusing on new information and techniques relevant to their practice. Disease areas to be discussed will include: adrenal, bladder, bone and joints, breast, brain, gastrointestinal tract, kidney, liver, lung and pleura, lymph nodes, nose and throat, placenta, prostate, sex organs, skin, soft tissue, thymus and thyroid. The application of molecular techniques to diagnostic pathology will be discussed. One and one-half hours will be devoted to legal issues in anatomic pathology. Instruction will be primarily by lecture but will also include discussion periods. Each participant will receive a comprehensive course syllabus.

The course has Category 1 accreditation for 36 hours CME credit by the American Medical Association. The fee for the course is \$995.00 (residents and fellows \$695.00). For further information contact: Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School, P.O. Box 825, Boston, MA 02117-0825 (Telephone: 617-432-1525; Fax: 617-432-1562), e-mail: hms-cme@harvard.edu; web page: <http://www.med.harvard.edu/conted/>.

DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY OF SOFT TISSUE TUMORS

The Department of Pathology, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, will present this 5 day postgraduate course on November 12–16, 2001 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, Cambridge, Massachusetts under the direction of Christopher D. M. Fletcher and Thomas Krausz (of the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois).

This course is essentially practical (i.e. 'hands on') and on each of the 5 days two or three major "histogenetic" groups of soft tissue tumors will be covered. Each day will be divided into three parts: Microscopy session, discussion and revision. The

morning will start with histologic slide viewing during which a set of 45–60 cases relating to the day's topics will be available to each participant. At this stage only clinical histories (with no final diagnosis) will be provided, thus stimulating a genuine diagnostic problem-solving situation. Participants will be provided with individual microscopes in order to allow personal examination and "hands on" study of the histologic sections. The cases have been selected to highlight problems in diagnosis, as well as illustrating typical examples of a very wide range of soft tissue tumors and pseudotumors. In the afternoon, all of the cases will be discussed individually by the course teachers, using a microscope attached to television monitors supplemented by 35 mm transparencies where appropriate. Participants will be encouraged to take an active part in the discussion of each case.

The Course has Category 1 accreditation for 35 hours of CME credit by the American Medical Association. The Course fee is \$950 (residents and fellows \$750).

For more information contact the Department of Continuing Medical Education, Harvard Medical School, P.O. Box 825, Boston, MA 02117-0825. Telephone (617)432-1525, fax(617)432-1562, email: hms-cme@hms.harvard.edu.

DERMATOPATHOLOGY UPDATE, 2001

November 17–18, 2001 Sheraton Westport Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri Course Directors: Daniel J, Santa Cruz, M.D., and Mark Hurt, M.D.

A one and one half-day Dermatopathology Course is offered, tailored for pathologists, dermatologists, and residents of both specialties.

Course Description: The course will be based on 30 clinicopathological conditions recently described or refined. A collection from authors' original material will be used to make the core of each presentation. Additionally, the dysplastic nevus controversy, benign melanocytic lesion, and melanomas will be reviewed as special lectures. A CD with text, color photographs, and references will be provided as the handout.

Special guest speaker: Omar P. Sanguenza, M.D., Department of Pathology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Space is limited and early registration is recommended. Application for Continuing Medical Education accreditation is currently under review. For more information and brochure contact: Cathy Hamby, Fax: (314)991-4309, Phone: (314)991-4470, Email: CutaneousPath@aol.com.

**UROLOGIC SURGICAL PATHOLOGY FOR THE
PRACTICING PATHOLOGIST**

January 18-21, 2002

Directed by

Robert H. Young, M.D.

to be held at

**DOUBLETREE LA POSADA RESORT,
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

The Department of Pathology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School will present a four-day postgraduate course in Urologic Surgical Pathology under the direction of Robert H. Young, M.D. with faculty as listed below. The hotel is set in the foothills of Camelback Mountain within a few minutes of the center of Scottsdale with its outstanding shopping, art museums and galleries. The objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive review of urologic surgical pathology with special attention paid to common diagnostic problems such as prostate biopsy interpretation, recent advances and new entities. Instruction will be primarily by lecture, but will also include frequent discussion periods. Each participant will receive a comprehensive course syllabus.

Faculty

Mahul Amin, M.D.

Emory University

John N. Eble, M.D.

Indiana University

Jonathan I. Epstein, M.D.

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Robert H. Young, M.D.

Massachusetts General Hospital,
Harvard Medical School

The course has Category I accreditation for 25 hours CME credits by the American Medical Association. The fee for the course is \$695.00 (residents and fellows, \$525.00). For further information contact: Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School, P.O. Box 825, Boston, MA 02117-0825, Telephone 617-384-8600, Fax 617-384-8686; E-mail: hms-cme@hms.harvard.edu.

**SURGICAL PATHOLOGY FOR THE PRACTICING
PATHOLOGIST: SELECTED TOPICS**

March 22-25, 2002

Directed by

Robert H. Young, M.D.

to be held at

**SANIBEL HARBOUR RESORT AND SPA,
FT. MYERS, FLORIDA**

The Department of Pathology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School will present a four-day postgraduate course in Surgical Pathology under the direction of Robert H. Young, M.D. with faculty as listed below. The course is being held at the Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa, located on a private peninsula with a panoramic waterview looking towards the islands of Sanibel and Captiva, well known for their unspoiled charm. The objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive review of selected topics in surgical pathology including bone and soft tissue, breast, mesothelium, ovary, prostate, urinary bladder, uterine cervix and corpus. Instruction will be primarily by lecture, but will also include frequent discussion periods. Each participant will receive a comprehensive course syllabus.

Faculty

Philip B. Clement, M.D.

Vancouver General Hospital,
University of British Columbia

Andrew E. Rosenberg, M.D.

Massachusetts General Hospital,
Harvard Medical School

Fattaneh Tavassoli, M.D.

Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

Robert H. Young, M.D.

Massachusetts General Hospital,
Harvard Medical School

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