

Announcements

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THE MAINTENANCE OF BOARD CERTIFICATION IN PATHOLOGY

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) announced that its member Boards have a responsibility to set standards for, and assess, the continuing competence of their diplomats. As a result, specialty board *recertification* programs are evolving into programs of *maintenance of certification* (MOC) based on these *four components*:

- 1.) Evidence of professional standing
- 2.) Evidence of commitment to lifelong learning and periodic self-assessment
- 3.) Evidence of knowledge
- 4.) Evidence of evaluation of performance in practice

In response to this ABMS initiative, the American Board of Pathology (ABP) established a Maintenance of Certification steering committee to initiate a discussion and planning process with its cooperating specialty societies (AMA, APC, ADASP, ASCP, ASIP, CAP, and USCAP). An early outgrowth of these discussions was the recognition that an effective program of maintenance of certification in pathology requires that initial Board certification be for a limited period of time—as it currently is for every other medical specialty.

Therefore, beginning in 2006, the American Board of Pathology will issue *time-limited* primary and subspecialty certificates of 10 years duration. Time-limited certification will apply to all residents entering pathology training programs in 2001. While the maintenance of certification process must be completed no later than 10 years after the initial *time-limited* certification, it may be completed as soon as the 8th year if desired. Thus the earliest MOC exam is planned for 2014. Pathologists holding current certificates which are *not* time-limited are encouraged to participate in the Board's voluntary Maintenance of Certification (Recertification) program.

The Maintenance of Certification Steering Committee is in agreement that:

- The ABP MOC program will be undertaken as part of an ABMS-wide MOC process involving *all* specialty boards.
- Much of the MOC program can be accomplished by: *expanding* and *refocusing* existing specialty society CME activities; making the

current ABP voluntary MOC program *mandatory*, and requiring a *secure* MOC examination.

- The focus of MOC will be on the important *new* post-certification knowledge required to maintain practice competence. To accomplish this, pathology *content specifications* will be developed by working groups of expert and practicing pathologists. These will be published in order to direct pathologists in their choice of CME and self-assessment programs and to direct study when preparing for the MOC examination.
- Specialty society CME educational curricula will focus on these content specifications. Self-assessment/self-study modules will be developed and will include both web-based and home study modules. Performance feedback will direct pathologists in their ongoing CME and self-learning.
- ABP will use both the content specifications and the learning objectives from CME programs and self-assessment modules to direct question generation. The focus will be on practical “need to know” information used in daily practice and required for practice competence.
- Modular exams relevant to different practice settings will be developed: AP/CP, AP only, CP only, cytology, transfusion medicine, etc.
- While a mandatory secure exam will be required, this does not preclude the possibility of an “open book” examination administered in an appropriate setting.
- Evaluation of Performance in Practice will build upon programs developed by our specialty societies.

David B. Troxel, MD

Chair, MOC Committee

December 10, 2001

ANATOMIC PATHOLOGISTS

The Department of Pathology of the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University invites applications for two anatomic pathologists (open rank: Assistant/Associate/Full Professor). Candidates must hold an MD degree, be American Board of Pathology AP or AP/CP eligible/certified, and eligible for an unrestricted medical license in the State of West Virginia. Successful

candidates should have strong training and interest in anatomic pathology, expertise in a subspecialty area, and desire to develop a combined service and basic/clinical-translational research program. Responsibilities will include participation in the anatomic pathology services (surgical, cytopathology, and autopsy) of a collegial, active, and growing anatomic pathology service with student/resident/fellow teaching responsibilities. The Department is growing with an active clinical service (over 16,000 surgicals and 18,000 cytology cases) with a vast spectrum and diversity of cases, cancer center collaborations, digital pathology center and tissue bank facility. The Department has an expanding outreach program with opportunities for new faculty members to participate in outreach laboratory administration. Salary and rank will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. West Virginia University is also located in Morgantown, which provides a spectacular area in which to live and was recently rated the number one small city in America.

Submit a curriculum vitae and three references to Barbara Ducatman, M.D., Professor and Chair, c/o Cheryl Baker Stasiak, Department of Pathology, PO Box 9203, Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506-9203 or e-mail: bducatman@hsc.wvu.edu. Applications will be accepted immediately and will continue until a final candidate is selected. West Virginia University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and strongly encourages applications from women and minorities.

WILLIAM BEAUMONT HOSPITAL BEAUMONT DNA SYMPOSIUM

DNA Technology in the Clinical Laboratory, the 11th Annual Beaumont Symposium on Molecular Pathology will be held September 12–14, 2002, at Somerset Inn, Troy, Michigan. This three-day symposium will include two pre-meeting workshops: “Introduction to Molecular Diagnostics” and “Flow Cytometry” on Thursday, September 12. Corporate Workshops and the “New Technology in Molecular Pathology” session will be on Friday, September 13, and Molecular Hematology-Oncology and Molecular Microbiology sessions will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2002. Lunch Breakout Sessions and Vendor exhibits on September 13 and 14, 2002. CME credit available. For more information, contact Domnita Crisan, MD, PhD, Phone: 248-551-7261, Fax: 248-551-3694, email: dcrisan@beaumont.edu or visit our Website at www.beaumont.edu/dnasymposium.

For registration materials, contact Bassima Georgis at phone: 248-551-8023, e-mail: bgeorgis@beaumont.edu or register at www.beaumont.edu/dnasymposium.

THE 16TH COMBINED SKIN PATHOLOGY COURSE

September 27–October 2, 2002

Directed by

Waine C. Johnson, MD

Thomas D. Griffin, MD

Alan R. Silverman, MD

to be held at

Philadelphia Airport Marriott,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The course is a rigorous, comprehensive, and practical review of dermatopathology. Microscopes and an extensive syllabus will be provided. There will be 35 lectures, 5 supervised workshop sessions for the study of more than 500 outstanding microscopic slides, and 10 hours of lecture which cover the unknown microscopic slides. The course is sponsored by the Department of Dermatology, MCP Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, PA and Delaware Valley Dermatopathology (a division of The Institute for Dermatopathology, a division of DermPath Diagnostics), and directed by Waine C. Johnson, MD, Thomas D. Griffin, MD, and Alan R. Silverman, MD. The course fee is \$650.00. A reduced fee of \$450.00 will be charged for residents and fellows.

For further information, please contact: Pat Benedict, DVD Division of The Institute for Dermatopathology, Millennium 1, 20 Ash St., Ste 310, Conshohocken, PA 19428-2056 (Phone# 610-260-0555; FAX# 610-276-1697; E-mail: pbenedict@ameripath.com).

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE HONG KONG DIVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY, OCTOBER 26–27, 2002, HONG KONG

The meeting features a symposium on Head and Neck pathology. Our invited speaker is Professor Leon Barnes, Presbyterian University Hospital, Pittsburgh, USA. Professor Barnes will speak on “Pitfalls and Diagnostic Dilemmas in Head and Neck Pathology,” “Salivary Gland Tumours,” and “Interpretation of Laryngeal biopsies and Pathology of Invasive Carcinoma of the Larynx.” He will also conduct a slide seminar. As usual, there will be a free paper session as well. The meeting is targeted at anatomical pathologists and trainees.

For details and registration, please contact the Secretary, HKIAP, Dr. Polly Lam, at Department of Pathology, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kowloon, Hong Kong. E-mail address: lamwy@ha.org.hk Fax: (852) 2385-2455.

**ROYAL BROMPTON HOSPITAL IMPERIAL
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE NHLI**

**Practical Adult Cardiovascular Pathology Course
Wednesday–Friday November 6–8, 2002
Course Organizer
DR. M. N. SHEPPARD/DR. YEN HO**

This particular “Hands On” course approaches in detail the problems that face the diagnostic pathologist when dealing with cardiovascular pathology both congenital and adult. The approach to a cardiac autopsy and sudden death will be emphasized. Cardiac specimens will be made available for analysis and practical demonstrations as well as video demonstrations will be highlighted. Organ retention will also be covered and minimal database for reporting cardiovascular specimens. A slide seminar with slides is included. The course is aimed at trainees studying for the MRCPATH and also senior pathologists who wish to update their knowledge. **Course fee:** £360.00 (includes daily coffee, tea and lunch).

**A SPECIAL FEE OF £250.00 FOR JUNIORS IN
TRAINING**

Contact: Short Course Office, National Heart and Lung Institute, Dovehouse Street, London SW3 6LY, Tel: +44(0)20 7351 8172, (Fax: +44(0)20 7351 8246, Email: shortcourse. NHLI@IC.AC.UK.

**6TH ANNUAL UPDATE IN
DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY
NOVEMBER 7–10, 2002
SANDESTIN GOLF AND BEACH RESORT
SANDESTIN, FLORIDA**

This program is presented by the Department of Pathology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham under the direction of Gene P. Siegal, M.D., Ph.D. The guest speaker will be Dr. Robert E. Petras from Ameripath in Cleveland, OH, in conjunction with faculty from UAB. The program will include combined morning lectures and afternoon microscopic (glass slide) reviews with experts in their fields. Specific disciplines and organs to be included:

Esophageal	Microbiology
Gastrointestinal	Neuropathology
Gynecological	Pancreas (FNA)
Hematopathology	Parathyroid

An extensive syllabus, including a CD-ROM with representative images from the lectures, will be provided.

The University of Alabama School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Alabama School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 16 hours in category 1 credit toward the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award.

For additional information, please contact: Don Bowen, Department of Pathology, JNWB, Suite 404, 1530 3rd Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35294-0500; Phone: 205-975-0045; Fax: 205-975-6749

**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 18–22, 2002 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 simulating 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 \$1050 (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) 384-8600, fax: (617) 384-8686, e-mail: hms-cme@hms.harvard.edu.

**MAYO CLINIC'S 10TH INTERNATIONAL
SURGICAL PATHOLOGY SYMPOSIUM
MAY 6-9, 2003
DUBLIN, IRELAND**

Description: This program will address common but difficult diagnostic problems encountered by surgical pathologists in every day practice. Designed to simulate daily activities of pathologists, the symposium curriculum will review case histories in identified subject matter areas, view slides

microscopically and formulate appropriate diagnoses. Diagnosis, terminology and patient management strategies for each case history will be discussed by faculty and attendees.

For more information, contact: Mayo School of Continuing Medical Education, Pavilion Mezzanine, 200 First St SW, Rochester, MN 55905; Telephone: (507) 284-2509; Fax: (507) 284-0532; E-mail: cme@mayo.edu; Website: www.mayo.edu/cme.



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