

Announcements

(Requests for announcements must be received at least 3 months before publication.)

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.

NUTS AND BOLTS PATHOLOGY IN THE STEEL CITY

June 16–17, 2001—The Department of Pathology of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center is sponsoring a two-day course for practicing diagnostic pathologists focused on a comprehensive update of new and controversial entities in general surgical pathology using a glass slide case study format. Using glass slides for 35 cases (which are given to attendees) and individual microscopes, participants will study the cases and then be provided with a 20 minute didactic discussion by University of Pittsburgh faculty with nationally recognized expertise in the area. For information please contact the course director Samuel A. Yousem, M.D. or course coordinator Diana Winters at Telephone #: 412-647-6193/Fax #: 412-647-3399/e-mail: wintersdl@msx.upmc.edu.

THE PATHOLOGY OF TUMORS IN CHILDREN

The Institute for Pediatric Medical Education and the Society for Pediatric Pathology (SPP) will jointly sponsor a course on various aspects of the pathology of childhood diseases as part of the 23rd Annual Aspen Conferences on Pediatric Disease. The week-long seminar will be held at the Snowmass Conference Center in Snowmass at Aspen, CO from August 6–10, 2001 under the direction of Drs. Louis P. Dehner and Aliya N. Husain.

This course is designed primarily for general and pediatric pathologists but will be of interest to pediatric surgeons, radiologists, pediatricians and oncologists. A microscopic slide set of 24 cases will be sent to participants prior to the conference, and the cases will be discussed in detail during a series of slide seminars. Participants may also submit cases for a "Case Presentation" session. Faculty members include, L.P. Dehner, J.T. Stocker, A. Husain, M. Zutter, E.J. Perlman, C.M. Coffin and D.M. Parham.

This course, through the SPP, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The SPP certifies that this CME

activity meets the criteria for 29 credit hours in category 1 for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

For further information, see www.PedMedEd.com or contact the Institute for Pediatric Medical Education, 6604 Landon Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817. Tel 301 263-9360 or Fax: 301 229-8338.

THE SIXTEENTH COMBINED SKIN PATHOLOGY COURSE

The course will be held September 21–26, 2001, at the Philadelphia Airport Marriott, Philadelphia, PA. 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 AmeriPath Inc.), Glenside, PA 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.

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