

# 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.

## **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](http://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 spon-

sored by the Department of Dermatology, MCP Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, PA and Delaware Valley Dermatopathology (a division of AmeriPath Inc.), Glenside, PA and directed by Wayne 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: Wayne C. Johnson, MD, Delaware Valley Dermatopathology (a division of AmeriPath Inc), 137 S. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038, USA (Phone#215-886-3074; FAX#215-886-5644).

### **POSTGRADUATE COURSE: CURRENT CONCEPTS IN SURGICAL PATHOLOGY**

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](mailto: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 diagnostic, 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](mailto: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](mailto:CutaneousPath@aol.com).