

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.

PRACTICAL PULMONARY PATHOLOGY

London, April 15-18, 2002

This course is designed to provide histopathology and cytopathology trainees and consultants with an opportunity to study diagnostic lung pathology in a comprehensive manner. It comprises lectures and practical microscopy sessions, the latter making up roughly half the time and consisting of individual study of a unique collection of cases.

Further details and application forms are available from Professor B Corrin, Brompton Hospital, London SW3 6NP. Fax: 0171-351-8293. E-mail: b.corrin@ic.ac.uk.

THIRD ANNUAL ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY UPDATE

May 10-11, 2002 (Friday and Saturday)

The Seelbach Hilton Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Louisville Medical School, will present its Third Annual Symposium on Anatomic Pathology. This two-day symposium covers primarily hematopathology, pancreatobiliary pathology, head and neck pathology and thyroid pathology. The guest faculty includes: E. Leon Barnes, Jr., M.D., Elaine S. Jaffe, M.D., Virginia A. LiVolsi, M.D., and Jorge Albores-Saavedra, M.D. University of Louisville Pathology faculty include: Jeffrey M. Bumpous, M.D. (thyroid), Sandra C. Hollensead, M.D. and Richard M. Miller, M.D. (head and neck), Sidney S. Murphree, M.D. and Mukunda B. Ray, M.D., Ph.D. (pancreatobiliary), and Stephen P. Slone, M.D. and Alvin W. Martin, M.D. (hematopathology). The objective of the symposium is to provide a comprehensive review of systemic pathology with special attention to recent advances, problem solving, differential diagnosis, and newly recognized entities. Instructional methods will include lectures, and short discussion periods. Online registration is available at www.louisville.edu/medschool/cme.

The symposium offers approximately 14 hours of Category 1 CME credit by the American Medical Association.

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**21st ANNUAL CURRENT ISSUES IN SURGICAL
PATHOLOGY**

**May 16-18, 2002, Westin Galleria Hotel, Dallas,
Texas**

The Department of Pathology, Southwestern Medical School, at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas will present a continuing medical education symposium under the direction of Dr. Jorge Albores-Saavedra and Dr. Guy Lindberg.

The intensive two and one half day review is designed for practicing pathologists and other interested physicians who have the desire to remain abreast of current issues in surgical pathology. Emphasis will include both overviews of selected topics of continuing interest and update on methods for solving diagnostic problems encountered in surgical pathology. The program will include lectures with clinicopathologic correlations and question and answer sessions on gastrointestinal and urologic pathology, lobular carcinoma, bone tumors, melanocytic tumors, endocrine tumors of the biliary tree and ampulla of Vater and pseudomyxoma peritoneli.

This activity will offer up to 17.5 Category I AMA/PRA credit. For additional information: Continuing Education, UT Southwestern, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75390-9059; 800/688-8678, Fax: 214/648-2317.