

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.

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 peritonei.

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.

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 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: 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).

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).

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

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.



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