

Pathology Course Receives Highest Student Ranking Ever

The sophomore year pathology course (PAT-823) has been highly regarded by medical students for many years. However, the most recent student ratings for the course are perhaps the highest that they have ever been.

At the completion of each year of medical school, all U.K. students are required to fill out a 7 question evaluation form administered by Student Assessment and Program Evaluation. Each course is evaluated separately. The questions address such issues as course communication, quality of exams, critical thinking/problem solving, etc. Scores go from 1 (awful) to 4 (perfect). The mean values for the 7 categories, for all 1st and 2nd year courses, ranged from 2.66 to 2.86. The mean values for the Pathology course go from 3.42 to 3.66. Obviously this group of medical students thought very highly of the course.

In addition, the Association of American of Medical Colleges (AAMC) issues a questionnaire to all 4th year medical students across the country that is taken just as they are about to finish medical school. One of the items asks as to how well each of their first and second year courses prepared the student for the clinical experiences of years 3 and 4. The categories are excellent, good, fair and poor. The national mean for the "excellent" response for pathology courses throughout the U.S. was 42.7%. For the U.K. pathology course that number was 85.3% for the 07-08 year.

In the PAT-823 course there are over 40 instructors, with over 90% of these being members of the Pathology department. It is to the credit of these instructors, as well as instructors from outside of the department, that this course is as successful as it has been. You all deserve hearty congratulations!

Benita Guy wins First Ever Joy Edwards Hembree Award

Congratulations to Benita Guy who received the first ever Joy Edwards Hembree, Oak Leaf Support Care Award. This award will be given yearly from the Edwards Hembree foundation to honor a Clinical Support staff that has exhibited service excellence. Benita was nominated by the Children's Hospital Staff and patient families to receive the award. Benita Guy has been a phlebotomist at the University of Kentucky for 31 years, she truly loves her job and she is a second generation employee, Benita's father worked for the University for 36 years. Benita has a gift, reflected by daily requests by patients and families to perform their phlebotomy.



Greg Davis Presents at Annual World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

This past March, Dr. Davis presented the talk, "Challenges in Forensic Pathology: Old and New" at the Pathology Update 2009 in conjunction with the 25th Annual World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine meeting in Sydney, Australia. From there, Dr. Davis acted as a Visiting Professor at the Victoria Institute of Forensic Medicine in Melbourne, Australia for four days, then Visiting Professor at the Department of Pathology of Otago University School of Medicine in Christchurch, New Zealand. While in Christchurch, Dr. Davis addressed the Royal Society of New Zealand on issues in forensic pathology.

Karabakhtsian Abstract Presented at US & Canadian Academy of Pathology Meeting

The abstract "Is the Histologic tumor grade an important prognostic factor in small (T1, T2) node-negative breast adenocarcinomas?" has been presented as a poster presentation at the USCAP 98th Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. Our own senior resident, Dr. Matthew S. Purdom presented the project which reflects the collaborative work of many participants within the departments of Pathology, General Surgery, Medical Oncology, and Behavioral Sciences.

Dr. O'Conner Invited Back as Faculty Tutor in London and Publishes Study in Portuguese for the Brazilian Cardiology Journal

For the past three years Dr. O'Conner has been an invited Faculty Tutor for a hands-on cardiac morphology course at the Imperial College London under the auspices of the British Pediatric Cardiac Association. Organized and directed by Professor S Yen Ho PhD, 64 post-graduate participants are exposed to live video specimen demonstrations and practical study supervised over 3 days by 10 international faculty (representing Anatomy, Pediatric Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery and Pediatric Cardiology) at the National Heart and Lung Institute at Royal Brompton Hospital, for 18 hours of CME credit. The course is presented in late February and July each year.

The results of a 4 year research study of drug-eluting versus bare metal stents in a hypercholesterolemic rabbit model of atherosclerosis (sponsored by Institute of Cardiology Bogota Columbia, University of Kentucky, Guidant Corporation Santa Clara and Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York) were published recently in Portuguese and English, in the Brazilian Cardiology Journal. Collaborators included Dr Dario Echeverri, Dr K Raman Purushothaman, Dr Deborah Fitzpatrick and Dr Pedro Moreno. The results are highly relevant to the selection of, and the ongoing development of, stents for management of human coronary artery disease.



Dr. O'Conner in a recent trip to Ireland

Graduating House Staff

As of June 30 the following house staff will be graduating from our Resident/Fellowship training programs:

- Dr. Jeff Hinson** will be moving to New York where he will be doing a surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering.
- Dr. Sravan Kavuri** will be going to Augusta, GA to join the Augusta VA Medical Center and Medical College of Georgia.
- Dr. Trent McBride** will be moving to Indiana where he will be doing a hematopathology fellowship at the University of Indiana.
- Dr. Matt Purdom** will be staying with us as the cytopathology fellow for 2009-10.
- Dr. Chris Warner** will be moving to Dallas, TX where she will be doing a dermatopathology fellowship with DermPath Diagnostics.
- Mr. Ben Chamberlain** will be returning to medical school here at UK as a third year student.

Meet and Greet

Welcome New House Staff Joining in July

Dr. Ranjana Arora from the University College of Medical Sciences, India, will start as a PGY-1.



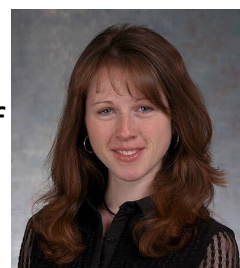
Arora

Dr. Darren Monroe from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, will start as a PGY-1.



Monroe

Dr. Vera Krol from the Indiana University School of Medicine, Indiana, will start as a PGY-1.



Krol

Dr. Protima Rayapati from J.J.M. Medical College, Devangere, India, will start at PGY-1.



Rayapati

Mr. Ryan Nasar will join as a Post Sophomore Medical Student Fellow from UK Medical Center College of Medicine.



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Chief Residents Announced for 09-10 Year

The Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine is proud to announce that Drs. Joe Byers, Brian Davis, Giovanni Insuasti, and Janna Neltner, all fourth year residents, will be co-chiefs this next academic year. Giovanni will oversee the house staff rotation schedule and call schedule, Brian will attend meetings and be the go-to person if any issues arise that need attention, and Joe and Janna will be overseeing the scheduling of didactic conferences and guest lecturers.

Welcome New Staff Member Christina Rich



Please welcome our newest staff member, Christina (Chrissy) Rich, CCA. Chrissy and her family are relocating to Georgetown, KY from Phoenix, AZ. Chrissy is a certified medical coder and is looking forward to working in the department. Please stop by MS149 to introduce yourself and welcome her to the team.

Senior Banquet 2009



Misc. News of Interest

Greg Davis was interviewed by Reporter Joel Rubin of the *Los Angeles Times* about police-medical examiner interaction.

The hematology laboratory, under the direction of Dr. Kessler, has been invited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) to return as a referee for the 2009 Survey year based on a record of perfect performance on graded cell identification challenges from the preceding years. We would like to congratulate everyone in the Hematology lab, here at UK, who made this possible.

Please join us in congratulating Joseph Byers, Jeff Hinson, Rob Hillard, Giovanni Insuasti Beltran, Melissa Kesler, Molly Tovar, and Janna Neltner who all have added new members to their families.