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APRIL ACADEMIC PROGRAM Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 850 8650 3950

Spring Slide Seminar – by Cedars-Sinai Pathologists



Nicholas Bercovici, DO

"Non-HPV Associated Cervical Adenocarcinoma:
Getting a grip on the gastric type"
AP Instructor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine



Sumire Kitahara, MD

"Surgical Hematopathology: It's a lymphoproliferative
disorder, but what do you call it?"
Associate Professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine



Wenjing Shi, MD

"Multiple faces in a case of sinonasal carcinoma"
AP Instructor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

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Dear Readers,

We would like to send out a special thank you to Dr. William Yong from UC Irvine for his excellent contribution to our last meeting! The cases on Neuropathology were excellent and very informative.

We regret to inform you all that we will be closing up shop at the LASOP...April Fools! The LASOP is always committed to providing quality lectures and conferences. We look forward to our April 13 Spring Slide Seminar! We will have Drs. Nicholas Bercovici, Sumire Kitahara, and Wenjing Shi from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center covering topics ranging from Hematopathology, Head and Neck to Gyn Pathology. We hope you all will be able to join us using this new online LASOP format, from the comfort of your home or office! The talk, as usual, will be promptly at 6:30 PM, using the following link:

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Please note that we are still **accepting submissions for our Annual Resident/Fellow Symposium** scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th! We are so excited to be able to bring this back to you! If you know of a resident or fellow who has an interesting pathology case or research project, encourage them to present at our symposium! Instructions for submission can be found on the 3rd page of our newsletter. **We'll accept submissions up to April 9th**, so don't delay!

As always, we hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe, and in good health. Please remember that your membership dues must be current in order to claim CME so don't forget to join or renew your membership to the LASOP. You may do so in one of two ways: through email by contacting Shirley Jacke at LASOPMD@gmail.com, or on our website at www.lasop.org. We look forward to seeing you on screen Tuesday, April 13th.

Sincerely, The Board

April 13th, 2021
Dr. Nicholas Bercovici
Dr. Sumire Kitahara
Dr. Wenjing Shi
Spring Slide Seminar
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

May 11th, 2021
Resident/Fellow
Symposium
See page 3 for details
Submission deadline
is April 9th

June 8th, 2021
Summer Slide Seminar
City of Hope

July & August
Hiatus – No Meetings

September 14th, 2021
Dr. Bonnie Balzer
Update on Soft Tissue Tumors
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

October 12th, 2021
Fall Slide Seminar
Kaiser Permanente

Annual Resident/Fellow Symposium

On May 11th The Los Angeles Society of Pathologists, Inc. will hold our Annual Resident & Fellow Symposium. **This year a total of four submissions will be chosen for a 15 minute presentation: 3 difficult/interesting case reports and 1 research related presentation.**

1st place prize of \$500
2nd place prize of \$300
3rd place prize of \$200

The deadline for submission is April 9th, 2021. If selected, you will be contacted by April 23rd.

To submit a case, please follow the format and instructions outlined below:

Create a PowerPoint presentation (PPT) and convert to PDF before submitting them to LASOPMD@gmail.com

Your presentation should be no longer than 15 minutes which includes 3 minutes of Q & A

Please type 'Resident & Fellow Symposium' (Case Report or Research) in the subject line of your email and be sure to include all of your contact information (including your institution) and the title for your presentation in the body of your email.

The PPT PDF presentation for case reports should include:

- Your name, year of training, and program affiliation
- Pertinent patient history, labs and imaging
- Photomicrographs and microscopic description of the case
- Final diagnosis followed by discussion of the entity and differential diagnosis
- List of references.

The PPT pdf presentation for research should include:

- Your name, year of training, and program affiliation
- Brief scope of research project, what question is the project trying to address?
- Description of methods
- Results, with included photos, graphs, or other data
- Discussion of results, limitations and final conclusions
- List of references

Additional guidelines:

It is the responsibility of the author(s) to ensure that the identity of a patient or numbers associated with a patient are not apparent from the information contained in the presentation.

- o Do not use abbreviations in the title or abstract, and limit their use in the text.
- o When using acronyms, make certain the full name is spelled out on first use.
- o Use International System of Units (SI units)
- o Give sources (name of company and location) for all special reagents (e.g., antibodies, enzymes, probes).
- o Use generic names of drugs, unless the specific trade name of a drug used is directly relevant to the discussion.
- o Follow AMA style for references.
- o Reference any web page used for images or data.

Voting Criteria:

Please take a moment and review the criteria that the board will be looking for when voting on your presentations

- o Originality
- o Is the presentation well-organized, informative and succinct?
- o Are the pictures/diagrams presented pertinent and informative?
- o Is this information helpful/applicable for a pathologist in general practice?
- o If specialty testing is suggested or required, is it readily available and affordable?
- o Are differential diagnoses discussed (i.e., top differential diag and the key distinguishing features discussed?)
- o Are diagnostic implications discussed? (i.e., how does diagnosis affect patient management?)
- o Is the presentation of appropriate length (i.e., able to be presented in 15 minutes)

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1 Opening for 2021-2022

Program Overview:

The Selective Pathology Fellowship at City of Hope National Medical Center is a one-year ACGME program that offers opportunity to participate in oncologic pathology at an NCI-designated Cancer Center level to develop superior diagnostic skills, providing education in all aspects of surgical pathology beyond residency training. Our department reviews over 10,000 surgical specimens annually, most of which are related to solid tumors. Under the guidance of our ten expert staff pathologists, fellows will be provided with an enriched and unique learning experience in all subspecialties of complicated oncologic surgical pathology, as well as ancillary related areas such as cytogenetics, immunohistochemistry, and molecular diagnostics. This program will give the fellows the opportunity to participate or present at the multidisciplinary tumor boards and conduct research projects. State of the art ancillary laboratories expose the fellows to new diagnostic and prognostic studies. Interpersonal and communication abilities, supervisory and management skills constitute essential components of this fellowship. Academic activities are fostered; ample material, resources, and expert guidance are available for participation in research projects. Faculty members are general surgical pathologists with specific expertise in subspecialty areas. Collegiate and friendly environment foster professional and personal growth.

The purpose of this fellowship is to train well rounded surgical pathologists who will develop their diagnostic skills. The overall goal is to provide oncologic pathology experience at City of Hope, so that the fellow develops superb skills in the diagnosis of a wide range of cancers. This will primarily be focused on developing these skills during the subspecialty rotations. Didactic lectures, Grand Rounds, slide seminars, patient care conferences, research meetings, and journal club are part of the educational experience.

Program Highlights:

Comprehensive training in all areas of surgical pathology in a large NCI-designated Cancer Center

Rotating with faculty members, the fellows preview slides, sign out with faculty and provide final diagnoses on biopsies and large specimens

Fellows order special Studies (IHC, ISH, molecular, FISH, etc.) for case work-up

Fellows receive comprehensive training in frozen section of diagnosis in all subspecialties

Fellows participate in Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Activities

Fellows review consultation

Salary and Benefits:

Pay is commensurate with level of training

Medical, dental, disability, & life insurance

20 days of vacation/sick pay

Book/study materials fund

Program Director: Sharon Wilczynski, M.D. Ph.D.

Applications: Please visit our website for a complete checklist and more information Cityofhope.org/selectivepathology-fellowship

All materials and inquiries should be addressed to the program coordinator:

Ofelia Kiedpool

Training Program Coordinator

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Requirements

- Candidates must be in good standing in an ACGME accredited Program in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, or Anatomic Pathology only training and be eligible for Anatomic/ Clinical Pathology or Clinical Pathology board certification (or equivalent program in Canada recognized by American Board of Pathology).
- Eager to learn surgical and oncologic pathology.
- Demonstrate an interest in participating research experience
- California Medical License

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Pathologist Wanted

Two adjacent but separate CLIA-certified laboratories are looking to hire a full-time per diem pathologist to sign out anatomic pathology cases (biopsies, surgical specimens, cytology specimens).

One of the laboratories is a high-volume physician-owned GI pathology laboratory which collects, processes, and interprets predominantly GI tissue biopsies (from both the upper and lower GI tract) from our affiliated endoscopy and surgery centers in Riverside, San Diego, and Orange counties.

The other laboratory is an independent general community pathology laboratory affiliated with the local hospital system (Southwest Healthcare) in the Murrieta and Temecula Valley areas with contracts with a number of outpatient and ambulatory surgery clinics (urology, OB-GYN, ENT, general surgery, dermatology, etc.).

The candidate will have experience in general pathology and cytology sign-out, and will work 2-3 days/week for each laboratory practice (commuting distance will be the same for each site since the laboratories are located across the street from one another).

This will essentially be equivalent to a steady part- or full-time job. The pathologist will need to obtain staff privileges at the local hospital system and will need to provide his or her own malpractice insurance benefits.

We are located in south Riverside County, about 1 hour north of San Diego.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in the job position, please contact Stephen Oh DO at soh60506@yahoo.com or Ernest Holburt MD at eholburt@yahoo.com.

Membership Information

The Board of Directors approved 19 new members in February!

Membership applications are received on a continual basis and are reviewed at the next monthly Board Meeting.

For more information, please contact the Society's Administrator, Shirley Ann Jacke, at 310-746-7212 or lasopmd@gmail.com

Membership applications are available at:
<http://www.lasop.org/pgs/application.htm>



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http://coroner.co.la.ca.us/htm/Coroner_Home.htm

Local Grand Rounds Schedule

- **Cedars-Sinai Medical Center**
In process of being updated
- **City of Hope**
<http://www.cityofhope.org/education/continuing-medical-education/cme-grand-rounds>
- **Harbor-UCLA**
<http://www.harborucla.org/cme/calendar.htm>
- **Loma Linda University**
In process of being updated
- **UC Irvine**
<http://www.healthaffairs.uci.edu/som/pathology/residencyProgram.html>
- **UCLA**
<http://www.imedseminar.com/>
- **USC**
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