Residents Join Voices to Shape the Future of Pathology

Greetings from the CAP Residents Forum (CAP-RF). Many of you know what we are; others may not. We represent the voice of pathology residents. The Residents Forum is the only place where pathology residents can join together to effect change. Collectively, we shape the future of pathology.

All of this begins with junior membership in the CAP. Junior membership is free. The benefits are tremendous. Junior members participate in all facets of the College. This includes advocacy, council and committee activities, creation of policy, and educational planning. In addition, junior members are eligible to apply for six CAP Foundation awards; last year the Foundation awarded scholarships to 67 residents. This year, the College has chosen to recognize the importance of young, vital members. Increasing junior membership and improving your membership benefits are top priorities.

I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are not a member, join today ... after all, it’s free! If you are already a member, put your membership to work – recruit other junior members and get involved.

You may now be aware that the CAP and the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) will dissolve their longstanding joint annual meeting. This move will allow the CAP to directly tailor its activities to better meet your needs as residents and practicing pathologists. I eagerly await the College’s future offerings. Meanwhile, I’d like to encourage you to participate in the upcoming fall 2002 ASCP/CAP Annual Meeting & Exhibits.

This fall meeting is shaping up to be one of our most exciting and dynamic meetings yet. An entire day will focus just on resident activities. Joint offerings by the CAP-RF and ASCP-Resident Physician Section (RPS) will maximize your ability to get the most out of this meeting. In addition, the CAP-RF will reflect a new, interactive format. Don’t miss your chance to meet and question Dr. William H. Hartmann, American Board of Pathology Executive Vice President, about changes in the length of pathology training and future competency testing.

Don’t miss your chance to learn how to get the job you want from the course, “Now That You’ve Passed Your Boards” — even before you take your boards. And, finally, don’t miss your chance to win round-trip airline tickets!

Our nation’s capitol will be alive this fall with the energy of pathology. We are counting on you to make this our most successful meeting ever. Contact our resident specialist, Ms. Jan Glas, at 1-800-323-4040, ext. 7499; or at jglas@cap.org if you have any questions about CAP junior membership or the Residents Forum. On October 12, 2002, please join your voice with ours.

Chair’s Message

Araba Afenyi-Annan, MD, chair, Residents Forum

Capitol Briefings

The College has asked several organizations for help opposing a pending federal decision that would prevent foreign pathology trainees from completing surgical pathology fellowships in the United States.

At issue is a pending decision by the State and Health and Human Services departments that would limit sponsorship of J-1 visa physicians to American Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) programs or programs recognized by a specialty board as a prerequisite to a certifying exam.

But, the College said in a letter to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), because there is no surgical pathology subspecialty, ACGME does not accredit this fellowship year. Further, such a fellowship is not a requirement to take the pathology boards. So, should the pending federal decision take effect, foreign pathology trainees would be unable to maintain their J-1 status for the purposes of pursuing a surgical pathology fellowship.

Since a large number of candidates sitting for board certification in pathology are foreign medical graduates, this decision will significantly disrupt the flow of training and delivery of quality patient care in our nation’s medical centers and hospitals,” the College said in the letter.

The College asked ABMS for support opposing the pending federal decision. It also sent the letter to several other groups with a stake in graduate medical education.
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CAP Foundation News

CAP Foundation Award Announcements

Strategic Science Conference Awards
The $1,500 Strategic Science Conference Awards for residents to attend the HPV Testing Conference on September 21-22, 2002, in Chicago are presented to:

- Malcolm Schinstine, MD, PhD, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
- Sara C. Mengshol, MD, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
- Joseph T. Rabban, MD, MPH, University of California, San Francisco
- Rebecca Lyn Christensen, MD, Navy Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Training in Technology Awards
The second round of grants for the CAP Foundation Training in Technology Awards has been made to the following four residents. The next deadline for a one-, two- or three-month advanced training grant is January 17, 2003.

- Michael D. Blechner, MD, Hartford Hospital, will study pathology informatics and computer-based training at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine for two months.
- Wendy W. Liu, MD, PhD, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, will study molecular diagnostics in neuromuscular disease at Ohio State University for one month.
- Rose Beck, MD, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, will study molecular techniques for HLS Typing at UCLA Immunogenetics Center for one month.
- David Sherman, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, will study microarray technology at Stanford University for one month.

NEW: CAP Foundation/Abbott Training in Technology Awards
Application Deadline: January 17, 2003
New Training in Technology Awards will be given to provide support for advanced training in molecular pathology techniques, such as fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH), an emerging technology which has an impact on daily pathology practice. For more information, visit the Web site (http://cap.org/html/foundation/technology.html) this fall. Funding for these awards is made possible through an education grant from Abbott Laboratories.

CAP Foundation Scholars Research Program
Application Deadline: October 4, 2002
One year research fellowship grant for pathology residents and fellows.

Special Thanks
Bayer Diagnostics has again agreed to underwrite the CAP Residents Forum and ASCP Resident Physician Section luncheon at the 2002 ASCP-CAP Annual Meeting & Exhibits on Saturday, October 12, 2002, in Washington, DC. Stay tuned for more information on a special one-hour focus session with Bayer. Philip Macdonald, PhD, wants resident input on Bayer’s soon-to-be released technology, lab medicine issues, and/or perception of industry involvement and assistance.

WIN 2 FREE Roundtrip tickets!

Does relaxing on a beach or mountain climbing sound good right about now?

Attention Pathology Residents!
The College of American Pathologists would like to offer you a chance to take a much-needed break when you attend the Residents Forum Fall Session on Saturday, October 12, 2002. When you attend, you will enrich your pathology experience, and you may register to win two (2) FREE roundtrip tickets to any city in the continental United States where American Airlines flies. Listen to American Board of Pathology Executive Vice President William H. Hartmann, MD, FCAP, as he addresses issues such as the change in length of training and time-limited certification. Find out if you won the two American Airlines roundtrip tickets!* For more information contact Jan Glas at jglas@cap.org.

Plan to participate on October 12:
8:00 am-Noon CAP Residents Forum
Noon-1:30 pm ASCP Resident Physician Section and the CAP Residents Forum Luncheon
1:30-3:30 pm C904 Now That You’ve Passed the Boards
3:15-4:30 pm ASCP/CAP Sheard Sanford Pathology Residents Award Competition
4:30-4:45 pm ASCP RPS Business Meeting and Award Presentation

* Good for travel within the contiguous United States. Certain restrictions, availability, and blackout dates will apply. Travel must be completed by October 12, 2003. You must be present to win.
2002 ASCP/CAP Annual Meeting & Exhibits

Residents’ Schedule
Friday, October 11, 2002
6:00-7:30 pm
CAP Residents Forum and House of Delegates Reception

Saturday, October 12, 2002
7:00-8:00 am
RF Orientation and Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 am
Call to Order
8:00 am to Noon
Business Meeting

Noon to 1:30 pm
CAP Foundation-Sponsored CAP-RF and ASCP-RPS Luncheon
Underwritten by Bayer Diagnostics

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Educational Program, C904: Now That You’ve Passed the Boards

2002 ASCP/CAP Annual Meeting & Exhibits Washington, DC
Visit the meeting Web site, www.ascpcapmeeting.org, to register and to get up-to-date information on courses, special sessions, keynote events, leadership events, and exhibits.

Resident Hospitality Suite
The ASCP/CAP Resident Hospitality Suite will be located in the Washington Convention Center. It will be available for residents to visit, get a snack, or post messages on Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm.

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New CAP Publications Available

So You’re Going to Collect a Blood Specimen: An Introduction to Phlebotomy, Ninth Edition
This comprehensive, illustrated resource manual focuses on:
- Fundamental techniques phlebotomy, proper laboratory practice, and professionalism
- Standard blood collection techniques, as well as heelstick techniques for babies, finger puncture techniques for children and adults, and special techniques for difficult venipunctures and patients receiving intravenous fluids
- Recommended order of draw for multiple specimens
- Safety awareness and precautions, with an emphasis on needlestick safety and prevention

Item number: PUB212
CAP Members: $11; Nonmembers: $15
Quantity discounts available

Quality Improvement Manual in Anatomic Pathology, Second Edition
Written by pathologists, this manual is designed to help you comply with the guidelines of the CAP, JCAHO, and other regulatory agencies. The manual:
- Provides detailed benchmark data, with extensive references to anatomic pathology quality assurance literature
- Addresses issues surrounding diagnostic discrepancies and suggested actions when errors are discovered
- Covers all segments of the test cycle – preanalytic, analytic, and postanalytic – in anatomic pathology
- Emphasizes regulatory compliance, with cross-references to CAP accreditation checklist items
- Includes new sections on quality improvement in cytopathology and autopsy pathology

Item number: PUB113
CAP members $45; Nonmembers $60

Order Today!
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