

# LOS ANGELES SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGISTS, INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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Note Time Change!

### OCTOBER SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

6:00 – 7:00 pm Pre-program Reception

7:00 – 8:30 pm Scientific Program

“Current Challenges and Opportunities in Molecular Pathology”

Featuring

Wayne Grody, M.D., Ph.D.

Chief, Molecular Pathology

UCLA Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Objectives of Program: The physician participant will be able to

1. Become familiar with new technologies and applications in molecular pathology.
2. Consider the clinical utility of new molecular markers in various cancers, genetic diseases and pharmacogenetic applications.
3. Become aware of the latest regulatory, ethical, legal, social and economic issues impacting the advancement of this field.
4. Outline the various types of cultural diversities (gender, age, race, religion, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, socio-economics, etc.) that relate to the demographics, diagnosis and treatment.

**IDENTIFIED NEED:** Identified by membership as valuable for its provision of information in the field of Pathology.

The Los Angeles Society of Pathologists, Inc. is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality and the California Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Los Angeles Society of Pathologists, Inc. takes responsibility for the content, quality and scientific integrity of this CME activity.



The Los Angeles Society of Pathologists, Inc. designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1.5 *AMA PRA Credit(s)*<sup>TM</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. This credit may also be applied to the *CMA Certification in Continuing Medical Education*.

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**September 11, 2007 Scientific Program**

The academic year programming began well with the attendance of 60 Pathologists, who heard Dr. Noel Weidner speak on "Update in Breast Carcinoma: 1) Multigene Expression Profiling 2) E-cadherin – Is It Necessary?" Dr. Weidner's presentation generated a great deal of take home thought with almost half of the evaluations that were returned, showing the response to the question "Do you intend to make changes or apply learnings from this presentation" as "I'm not sure, but I'm considering making changes". Dr. Weidner has been asked to provide further written information on this topic. Upon receipt, any provided information will be made available to the membership.

**Congratulations to Our Members As Authors!**

Members of the Society have contributed at least partially to the following books – have a look:

**\*Forensic Neuropathology** – provides superior visual examples of the more commonly encountered conditions in forensic neuropathology and answers the most frequently asked questions that arise regarding neuropathological findings.

Hideo Itabashi, M.D., John A. Andrews, M.D., Uwamie Tomiyasu, M.D., Stephanie S. Erlich, M.D. and Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, M.D.

See page 9 if you are receiving this Newsletter via snail mail. For further information if receiving the Newsletter via E-Mail or to secure online ordering view <http://books.elsevier.com/forensicneuropathology>  
Enter Discount Code 90834 when ordering or call +1 314.579.3300

**\*Language of Cells: A Doctor and His Patients** –  
Published by Random House, On New York Best Seller List  
Spencer Nadler, M.D. is currently working on a second book that should be available next year.

Online Review: "Spencer Nadler is a pathologist who would be a clinical physician. He is a doctor of medicine who would be a literary artist. He demonstrates in these exquisitely wrought pages a deep sense of identification and empathy with the very real human beings whose cells he sees in his microscope. He writes about intersecting with their lives in a style both concrete and moving so that we cannot help but also identify with the heart-wrenching experience of disease."

Available through Amazon.com

**Future Educational Programs**

November 13, 2007

Fall Slide Seminar  
USC

December 11, 2007  
Memorial Dinner/Lecture  
(Dinner attendance requires pre-registration)  
Henry Appleman, M.D.  
"What Is Dysplasia In The Gut?"

January 19, 2008

Annual All Day Program  
Current Trends in Practical Pathology  
(Pre-registration required)

Charles Lassman, M.D., UCLA  
"Chronic Hepatitis, Diagnosis, Grading and Staging"

"Steatohepatitis Update"

Francisco Durazo, M.D., UCLA  
"Clinical Update in the Management of Viral Hepatitis"

M. Kay Washington, M.D., Vanderbilt University  
"Pathology of Hepatocellular Carcinoma  
Precursor Lesions and Differential Diagnosis"

"The Pathologist and the Metastasis:  
Distinguishing Hepatocellular Carcinoma from  
Other Hepatic Primary Tumors and Metastases"

David Lu, M.D., UCLA  
"HCC – Imaging and Image-Guided Ablated  
Therapy"

February 12, 2008

Stephen Romansky, M.D.  
Placenta Topic – Exact Title TBD

March 11, 2008

Spring Slide Seminar  
Kaiser Permanente Medical Group

<b>Outside Educational Opportunities</b>
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UCLA Grand Rounds

3rd Floor Auditorium, CHS 33-105 (Unless otherwise noted)

For Scheduling Information Contact: Sue Ellen Parsee – [sparse@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:sparse@mednet.ucla.edu) or Lee Goodglick, [lgoodglick@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:lgoodglick@mednet.ucla.edu)

Date: October 9, 2007  
Time: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm  
Place: CHS 53-105  
Title: "Birth Of Blood Forming Stem Cells"  
Faculty: Hanna Mikkola, M.D., Ph.D.  
Associate Professor, Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology  
Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Medicine

**Date:** October 16, 2007  
**Time:** 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm  
**Place:** CHS 53-105  
**Title:** "Nuclear Reprogramming and Epigenetic Remodeling"  
**Faculty:** Kathrin Plath, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor, Biological Chemistry  
Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Medicine

**Date:** October 23, 2007  
**Time:** 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm  
**Place:** CHS 53-105  
**Title:** TBD  
**Faculty:** Steph Targan, M.D.  
Director, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center  
Director, Division of Gastroenterology  
Feintech Family Chair in Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
Cedars Sinai Medical Center

**Date:** October 29, 2007  
**Time:** 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm  
**Place:** CHS 53-105  
**Title:** "The Immunotherapy of Human Cancer Using Induced or Genetically Modified Tumor Reactive T Cells"  
**Faculty:** Steve Rosenberg, M.D.  
Chief of Surgery, National Cancer Institute

**Full Annual Speaker Listing:**

<http://www.pathology.ucla.edu/pathologyseminar.htm><<http://www.pathology.ucla.edu/pathologyseminar.htm>>

**#2**

**USC Grand Rounds**

For the 2007-2008 Academic Year, USC Grand Rounds will be held on the last Friday of every month, with the exception of February/June. For further information, contact Linda Huynh, USC Keck School of Medicine, 323.442.3320 or lhuynh@keck.usc.edu

**Date:** October 26, 2007  
**Time:** 8:00 am – 9:00 am  
**Place:** Norris Topping Tower, Conference Room 7409, Norris Cancer Hospital  
**Title:** TBD  
**Faculty:** Roscoe D. Atkinson, M.D.  
Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology & Neurology, Keck School of Medicine at USC

**#3**

**Jack Gordon Pathology Symposium**

An exciting program in Gynecologic and Breast Surgical Pathology  
Saturday, November 3, 2007  
Disneyland's Paradise Pier Hotel  
1717 S. Disneyland Drive  
Anaheim, California 92802

Richard J. Zaino, MD  
Professor, Division of Anatomic Pathology  
Pennsylvania State University  
Hershey, PA

Timothy W. Jacobs, MD  
Professor, Deputy Chief of Pathology  
Virginia Mason Medical Center  
Seattle, WA

If you are a residency training program director, please forward to your residents and fellows. They are admitted at a greatly reduced registration fee. See attached "Save the Date" if receiving this via Hard Copy.

Registration will be available on-line : <http://www.kpsymposia.com>.

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**Molecular Diagnostics Applications in Pathology:  
A Case-Oriented Approach**

*Presented by the AMP Training & Education Committee*

November 7, 2007, Inter-Continental Hotel, Los Angeles, CA

New models of medical practice are evolving with increasing attention to the molecular pathology of diseases. The introduction of molecular testing into the clinical laboratories has resulted in our ability to provide novel types of information to health care providers. This course will provide practical applications of current developments through actual case studies covering the four major clinical molecular pathology disciplines: solid tumors, hematopathology, infectious diseases, and inherited diseases. The speakers of each session will highlight how molecular testing impacts disease management.

Participants will learn more about molecular diagnostic instrumentation and techniques including: gene sequencing, *in situ* hybridization (ISH and FISH), microsatellite instability analysis, nucleic acid extraction and purification, and PCR. The lectures will be reinforced by a syllabus specifically designed to complement the material covered.

**Who Should Attend?**

Pathologists, laboratory directors and technologists who have little experience with molecular diagnostic testing.

Agenda, CME and Registration Information is available at  
<http://www.amp.org/2007/indexco.htm>

#5

**California Society of Pathologists – 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

December 5 – December 8, 2007

“California Seminars in Pathology”

Palace Hotel

2 New Montgomery Street

San Francisco, California

Register Online for Convention: <http://www.calpath.org/events.htm>

Questions?: Phone 916.446.6001 FAX: 916.444.7462 [www.calpath.org](http://www.calpath.org)

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California Tumor Tissue Registry – All Day Cancer Slide Seminar

December 9, 2007, 8:30 am – 4:30 PM

“Advances in Surgical Pathology: New Entities, Emerging Concepts, and New Perspectives on old Problems”

Palace Hotel  
2 New Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, California

For Registration Forms and More Information Please Contact:

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C/O LLU School of Medicine

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<b>Classifieds</b>
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Position/s Available:

1) Forensic Pathologist Wanted

Private autopsy company seeks forensic pathologist on an as-needed basis in the Southern California area.

Please e-mail inquiry to: [karma@dslextreme.com](mailto:karma@dslextreme.com).

- 2) Pathology group located in Los Angeles area seeks an AP/CP board certified pathologist. The candidate must have a minimum of four years experience in a community/academic laboratory and have excellent communication and interpersonal skills since he/she may assume the directorship of a laboratory. Subspecialty expertise is strongly desired. This is an excellent career opportunity to join a group of ten pathologists servicing several hospitals in the community. Salary and benefits are highly competitive. Please send CV to:

Sherry Gonzalez at: [sherry@prcmgt.com](mailto:sherry@prcmgt.com)

FAX: 818/772-5260

Tel. 818/718-9516

3) Surgical Pathology Position

A dynamic community based pathology group covering 4 major medical centers in the Greater Los Angeles area is seeking an AP/CP Board Certified pathologist to join their practice. The ideal candidate will have at least 4 years experience either in the academic or community based hospital setting, they will have strong interpersonal skills, as they will be expected to work closely with other members of the Group, referring physicians and hospital staff. As this is a group that is subspecialty based, it would be optimal if the candidate had training and expertise in the following sub specialty areas:

- Dermatopathology
- GI Pathology
- Hematopathology

Salary and Benefits will be commensurate with education, training and experience. There is also the potential to become a partner in the Group consistent with performance and Group requirements.

Please email inquiry to: [John.Yamashita@providence.org](mailto:John.Yamashita@providence.org) or FAX CV to 818.772.5260

**Pathologist Seeking Position :**

- 1) AP/CP, Hematopathology and Cytopathology Certified Pathologist with over 30 years of experience is seeking part time or Locum tenens job opportunities near Los Angeles area or in Southern California.  
I will be available starting January, 2008.  
Please e-mail inquiry to: [tyook@aol.com](mailto:tyook@aol.com) or call 248.375.1091 or 586.263.2463

**Pathologist Assistant (PA) Seeking A Position:**

I am a Foreign Medical Graduate with 6 years experience working as a Pathologist Assistant (PA). I am seeking a part time (3-4 hours per day) PA position in the greater Los Angeles area. If interested, please contact 626.457.1290

**Coroners Corner**

Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran M.D.  
Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner  
Anthony T. Hernandez, Director  
323. 343.0522

Additional Information Available on Webpage [www.coroner.co.la.ca.us](http://www.coroner.co.la.ca.us)

**Directions To The Moseley Salvatori  
Conference Center (Adjacent to the Good Samaritan Hospital)**

Beginning September 2007 , all scientific programs will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (Preprogram Reception 6:00 pm) with the exception of January, July, August and December as follows:

January: Refer to announcements as January is reserved for the Annual All Day Program. (Requires registration)

July/August: Summer Break = no programs available.

December: Annual Memorial Dinner and George Kypridakis Lecture. Usually held on the second Tuesday but with an earlier time schedule due to provision of dinner (requires pre-program reservation for dinner only).

All other months: Reception held between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Lecture will be held in the Main Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m. Location of reception/program is the first floor of the Moseley Salvatori Conference Center, 637 South Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017, 213. 977.2555. Parking: \$3.00 per car.

Parking is provided in the Conference Center Parking Structure located directly across from the Center on Lucas Avenue. Parking is not valet but the lot is patrolled. Present

your parking ticket to the LASOP receptionist in the lobby. If the ticket is not validated in this manner, the parking charge is \$6.00 as you leave the structure.

From the HARBOR FREEWAY (110) SOUTHBOUND: Take the "Downtown Exit/Wilshire Blvd." offramp. Take Wilshire Blvd. Turn right onto Wilshire. Proceed West to Lucas Avenue. Turn Right. Parking Structure will be on the right.

From the HARBOR FREEWAY (110) NORTHBOUND: Take the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Exit. Turn Left at Beaudry Avenue. Turn Right at 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn Left on Lucas. Parking Structure will be on the left.

OR

Take the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Exit. Turn Right on Flower Street. Turn Right on Wilshire Blvd. Turn Right on Lucas. Parking Structure will be on the right.

<b>LASOP Officers/Administrative Staff</b>
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