

# LOS ANGELES SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGISTS, INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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### APRIL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

**April 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm**

**5:30 – 6:30 pm Pre-program Reception**

Sequoia Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Moseley Salvatori Conference Center  
637 South Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017

## *“Molecular Pathology in the Age of Personalized Medicine”*

**Wayne W. Grody, M.D., Ph.D.**

Professor, Medical Genetics and Molecular Pathology, Departments of Pathology & Laboratory  
Medicine, Pediatrics, and Human Genetics, University of California, Los Angeles

#### OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAM:

1. To become aware of the latest genomic discoveries and technological innovations that are driving the field of diagnostic molecular pathology toward companion diagnostics and personalized medicine.
2. To consider the clinical utility of new molecular markers in various cancers, genetic diseases, and pharmacogenetic applications.
3. To become aware of the unique ethical, legal, psychosocial, regulatory and economic implications surrounding these developments, and their impact on patient access to "personalized medicine" offered by this powerful diagnostic and predictive technology.

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

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The Los Angeles Society of Pathologists, Inc. designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</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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## *Dear Readers,*

Our next academic program welcomes Dr. Wayne Grody from UCLA as he returns to LASOP to share an update on the role of molecular pathology in modern medicine. This is a timely subject and certain to be engaging and enlightening. Dr. Grody last presented to the Society back in October of 2007 to a robust audience who returned excellent feedback. We expect a similar turnout.

As a reminder, the annual Resident Symposium is just around the corner. We invite residents and fellows from all local training programs to submit cases. **The deadline for submissions is March 31<sup>st</sup>.** If selected, you will be contacted by the meeting's organizer by April 15<sup>th</sup>. As customary, cash prizes will be awarded to the top presentations. For specific details, see page 6 of this newsletter or visit our website at [www.LASOP.org](http://www.LASOP.org).

We have two exciting educational opportunities we would like to share with you. In April, Cedars-Sinai is hosting their annual CME course, "What's New in Anatomic Pathology and Laboratory Medicine?". LASOP members are offered special pricing to attend this excellent seminar (see page 4 for more details). In June, the semi-annual CTRR conference will be taking place in Southern California. We encourage you to attend this all-day seminar presented this summer by Dr. Lester Thompson (see page 5).

But first, don't forget to join us on April 13<sup>th</sup>!

## *Board of Directors*

### **United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology**

#### **99th Annual Meeting**

March 20 – 26, 2010

Marriot Wardman Park Hotel  
Washington, DC

For more information, visit [www.uscap.org](http://www.uscap.org)

### ***Meet the Speaker:***

## **Wayne W. Grody, M.D., Ph.D.**



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#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

##### Medical Genetics Fellowship

- UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA, 1984-86

##### Resident, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

- UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA, 1982-87

##### Post-doctoral Fellow, Cell Biology

- Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 1979-81

##### Medical Education (combined MD/PhD)

- Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 1974-79

##### Undergraduate Education

- Biology, B.A. Johns Hopkins University, 1970-1974

## Future Educational Programs

<b>2010:</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>Wayne W. Grody, M.D., Ph.D.</b>
	<b>May 11</b>	<b>Resident's Night</b>
	<b>June 8</b>	<b>Summer Slide Seminar: City of Hope</b>
	<b>July-August</b>	<b>Break</b>
	<b>September 14</b>	<b>Ronald Barr, M.D.</b>
	<b>October 12</b>	<b>Fall Slide Seminar: UCLA</b>
	<b>November 9</b>	<b>Bharat Nathwani, M.D.</b>
	<b>December 14</b>	<b>Annual Memorial Buffet Dinner &amp; George Kypridakis Lecture: Digital Pathology</b>
<b>2011:</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>All-Day Program: Bone &amp; Soft Tissue Pathology: Howard Dorfman, M.D. and John Goldblum, M.D.</b>

## PathXchange



- To join PathXchange, visit [www.pathxchange.org](http://www.pathxchange.org) and create an account.
- Once registered, you will receive an email notifying you that your account is pending approval.
- After your account has been approved by administration, you will receive a second email with your account details, including your one-time password and a link for immediate access.
- After logging in, you will be redirected to another page where you will be asked to change your password.
- To join the LASOP section, start at the homepage at [www.pathxchange.org](http://www.pathxchange.org) and select "Groups."
- This will direct you to a page citing a long list of member groups (not in alphabetical order).
- Find "LASOP" (currently near the top of the list) and select "Join" on the far right under "Join Link."
- Good luck. We hope to see you there!

## New Membership Information

Membership applications are reviewed on a continual basis. The routine application review time is within one month of receipt. Acceptance and notification are usually posted the following month.

For more information and an application for membership, please visit our website at: <http://www.lasop.org/pgs/application.htm>

## Regional Educational Opportunities

**CEDARS-SINAI**  
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY  
AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

Sponsors

### What's New in Anatomic Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Friday and Saturday  
**April 30 - May 1, 2010**

**Conference Location**  
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
Harvey Morse Conference Center  
Plaza Level - South Tower  
8701 Gracie Allen Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90048

For further information, call the  
Office of Continuing Medical Education  
at (310) 423 - 5548.

### Program Faculty

#### FEATURED SPEAKER

- Allen M. Gown, MD

#### CONFERENCE CO-DIRECTORS

- Mahul B. Amin, MD
- Ellen B. Klapper, MD
- Alberto M. Marchevsky, MD

#### MODERATORS

- Arthur H. Cohen, MD
- Stephen C. Vamvakas, MD, PhD

#### PRESENTERS

- Bonnie L. Balzer, MD, PhD
- Shikha Bose, MD
- Farnaz Dadmanesh, MD
- Deepti Dhall, MD
- Rena Falk, MD
- David P. Frishberg, MD
- Stephen A. Geller, MD
- Jean R. Lopategui, MD
- Margie A. Morgan, PhD
- Elvio G. Silva, MD

### Friday, April 30

**11:45 am** Registration and Buffet Lunch

**Session Moderator: Stephen Vamvakas, MD, PhD, MPH**

- 12:00 pm** Something Has Gone Terribly Wrong: The Evolution of MDROs *Margie Morgan, PhD*
- 12:45** Transfusion-related Mortality: The On-going Risks of Allogeneic Blood Transfusion and the Available Strategies for their Prevention *Stephen Vamvakas, MD, PhD, MPH*
- 1:30** Break
- 2:00** Patient Safety in the Molecular and Pharmacogenomics Age *Jean Lopategui, MD*
- 2:45** Social, Ethical and Legal Issues in Genetic Testing *Rena Falk, MD*
- 3:45** Questions and Answers
- 4:00 pm** Adjourn

### Saturday, May 1

**7:30 am** Registration and Continental Breakfast

**Session Moderator: Alberto Marchevsky, MD**

- 8:00** Introduction and Overview *Mahul Amin, MD*
- 8:15** What's That Black Spot? *David Frishberg, MD*
- 9:00** What's Hiding in the Collagen? *Bonnie Balzer, MD, PhD*
- 9:45** Break
- 10:15** Novel Antibodies for Routine Surgical Pathology *Allen Gown, MD*
- 11:15** Panel discussion
- 11:30** Lunch
- Session Moderator: Arthur Cohen, MD**
- 12:30 pm** Mediastinal Pathology for the General Pathologist *Alberto Marchevsky, MD*
- 1:00** Neuroendocrine Tumors of the GI Tract and the Pancreas *Deepti Dhall, MD*
- 1:30** What's New in Gynecologic Pathology *Elvio Silva, MD*
- 2:00** Diagnostic Problems and Issues in Breast Needle Core Biopsy *Farnaz Dadmanesh, MD*
- 2:30** Immune and Immunocholestatic Liver Disorders *Stephen Geller, MD*
- 3:15** Break
- 3:30** Update on the Recent NCI Guidelines for the Interpretation of FNA Biopsies of the Thyroid *Shikha Bose, MD*
- 4:00** Approach to the Diagnosis of Atypical Large Glandular Proliferation In Prostatic Needle Biopsies *Mahul Amin, MD*
- 4:30 pm** Adjourn

### Registration Information

#### REGISTRATION FEES\*

#### Special pricing for LASOP Members:

Full Conference, Fri-Sat: **\*\$150\***

Saturday Only: **\*\$100\***

Note: Register by April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Call:** 310.423.5548 / **Code:** "Member"

*Before* April 16, 2010: **\$175**

*After* April 16, 2010: **\$200**

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> Only: **\$75**

Residents/Fellows: **Free\*\***

\*The registration fee includes CME credit, course materials, meals and complimentary parking. \*\*For registrations received before 4/16/10 with written proof of residency; otherwise, the fee is \$75.

**For more information and to register, please visit our website at**

<https://research3.csmc.edu/eventschedule.html>

## Regional Educational Opportunities (continued)

### GRAND ROUNDS SCHEDULE FOR LOCAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

- **CEDARS-SINAI**

<http://www.csmc.edu/15007.html>

- **HARBOR-UCLA**

<http://www.harbor-ucla.org/pathology/ResidentConferences.php>

- **LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY**

<http://lomalindahealth.org/medical-center/our-services/pathology/for-health-care-professionals/residency/index.html>

- **UC IRVINE**

<http://www.healthaffairs.uci.edu/som/pathology/residencyProgram.html>

- **UCLA**

<http://www.pathnet.medsch.ucla.edu/educ/grandRounds.asp>

- **USC**

<http://www.usc.edu/schools/medicine/departments/pathology/calendar/index.html>

**Dr. Lester D.R. Thompson** is currently a consultant and general pathologist with Southern California Permanente Medical Group at Woodland Hills. He graduated summa cum laude from Columbia Union College (Maryland). He obtained his medical degree and an orthopedic surgery internship at Loma Linda University Medical Center. He completed a pathology residency at UCLA, with an emphasis in cytopathology. He worked at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, serving as the Chief of the Head & Neck Division of the Dept. of Endocrine and Otorhinolaryngic—Head & Neck Pathology and served as Chief of the Immunohistochemistry division. He also worked as a Cytopathologist for Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He has published 3 books, authored >70 book chapters, including the World Health Organization Classifications, and has well over 200 publications in the fields of endocrine and head & neck pathology.

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Proudly announces its upcoming 128<sup>th</sup>  
Semi-Annual Cancer Seminar:

### *"Surgical Pathology of Important Clinical Endocrine Disorders"*



**Lester D.R. Thompson, M.D.**

Southern California Permanente Medical Group,  
Woodland Hills, CA

**June 6, 2010**

**8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

**Westin South Coast Plaza  
Costa Mesa, California**

#### Educational Contents and Media:

- Glass slides representative of 12 to 15 endocrine organ diseases.
- Correlating clinical histories.
- Six-hour lecture, incorporating projected photographs of the cases and other illustrative materials.
- Comprehensive printed syllabus, including diagnosis, discussion, and appropriate references from pertinent medical literature.
- Note: A new audience interactive software system will be employed to engage the audience further in the education and learning objectives.

\*Please visit [www.cttr.org](http://www.cttr.org) for more information.

## Announcements

### **Dear Residents and Fellows:**

This year's LASOP Annual Resident Symposium will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

Submissions are invited from residents and fellows at all of the regional training programs (USC, UCLA, Cedars-Sinai, Harbor-UCLA, Loma Linda and UCI).

The format, which generated great positive feedback by last year's attendees, will be similar to that of the case presentations at the Spring and Fall slide seminars. The selected cases are first presented as unknowns prior to the meeting (online at the LASOP website or PathXchange).

At the May 11th meeting, the diagnoses are revealed and the residents will present the background literature on their cases.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top presentations.

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

Create two PowerPoint presentations (PPT) and convert each of them to PDF before submitting them to [LASOPMD@gmail.com](mailto:LASOPMD@gmail.com) and cc'ing [pamthompson@LASOP.com](mailto:pamthompson@LASOP.com). Be sure to include in the body of your email all of your contact information.

#1: The first PPT would be a "virtual slide" file that LASOP members would review before the meeting. This PDF presentation should include:

- \* Page 1 - Your name and program affiliation
  - \* Page 2 - Pertinent patient history and symptoms
  - \* Pages 3+ - Images of the case
- (Note: Do NOT include the final diagnosis).

#2: The second PPT would be a "handout" that would be posted to the LASOP website directly after the meeting. This PDF presentation should include:

- \* Page 1 - Your name and program affiliation
- \* Page 2 - Pertinent patient history and symptoms
- \* Pages 3+ - Images of the case PLUS the final diagnosis, discussion of any differentials and all references.

#### Additional guidelines:

- It is the responsibility of the author(s) to ensure that the identity of a patient is not apparent from the information contained in a case report.
- Use conventional units of measurement throughout the manuscript, with conversion factors for Systeme International (SI) units expressed once in parentheses after the first mention of the conventional unit. Example: "The blood glucose concentration of 126 mg/dL (to convert to millimoles per liter, multiply by 0.0555) was used as a criterion for diagnosing diabetes." If several laboratory values are listed, conversion factors may be listed in a paragraph at the end of the Materials and Methods or Report of a Case section. In tables and figures, conversion factors should be presented in the footnote or legend. Hematologic values should only be reported using conventional units.
- Use generic names of drugs, unless the specific trade name of a drug used is directly relevant to the discussion.
- Do not use abbreviations in the title or abstract, and limit their use in the text.
- When using acronyms, make certain the full name is spelled out on first use.
- Give sources (name of company and location) for all special reagents (eg, antibodies, enzymes, probes).
- In listing references, follow AMA style, abbreviating names of journals according to Index Medicus.
- Authors are responsible for the accuracy of references.

**Deadline for submissions is March 31, 2010. You will be contacted by the meeting's organizer by April 15, 2010.**



### **Save the Date!**

Mark your calendar for the  
Eighth Annual

### **Pete Schwinn Memorial Golf Tournament**

When? Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Where? Los Verdes Golf Course  
Time: 11:11 AM first tee-off  
Cost: \$150.00  
(\$75 for Residents)

Prizes are awarded for the best low net and gross scores, in addition to the traveling trophy.

For more information, please call:  
Jim Keefe, MD  
310-739-1008.



## Coroner's Corner

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### Directions to the Moseley Salvatori Conference Center: (Adjacent to Good Samaritan Hospital)

All scientific programs will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the January All-Day Program.

The pre-program reception is held between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The lecture will be held in the Main Auditorium beginning at 6:30 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 & Directions

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." off ramp. 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 is 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 is on the right.

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