

Thames Valley School of Histopathology

Study Leave – Recommended Courses and Study Days for Trainees in Histopathology, Diagnostic Neuropathology, and Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology

Overview

There is a new process in place for accessing study leave budgets for trainees, as of April 2018. The process is now HEE-managed centrally, although applications will still be made through the employing Trust. For guidance on Study Leave and Study Budget Arrangements, please see the Oxford Deanery website:

http://www.oxforddeanery.nhs.uk/about_hee_oxford_local_office/medical_and_dental_policies/study_leave.aspx

Please can all trainees and Educational Supervisors refer to this new guidance document as this includes essential information.

General Guidance on the Study Leave Budget

NHS Trusts should cover the costs of mandatory training that is required to fulfil the trainee's clinical role.

Study leave budgets *do not* cover:

- Royal College membership and e-portfolio fees
- Postgraduate exam fees

Study leave budgets (HEE) *do* cover:

- Courses/education activities to support trainees to achieve the curriculum
- Courses to help trainees prepare for postgraduate exams
- Discretionary courses that add value to trainees individually and support the wider system

Examples of courses that 'add value' to the individual trainee are;

- Quality improvement workshops
- Leadership/medical management courses (although these are also a curriculum requirement)
- Healthcare technology and innovation workshops
- Scientific conferences

We have been asked to provide the Deanery with a list of mandatory and recommended/approved courses and study days for histopathology trainees. This list cannot be exhaustive as there are regularly new courses and study days which become available, however it is intended as a guide. If a course/study day is not on the list then consideration should be made as to how this will aide a trainee to fulfil curriculum requirements/personalised work schedule/personal development plan. It is then the role of the **Educational Supervisor** to approve study leave requests from trainees in accordance with this. If there are **any questions** about the application or the process, these should be **addressed to the Training Programme Director** in the first instance.

The list will need to be kept up to date, and therefore if there are courses/study days not listed that it is felt ought to be, then please contact the Head of School.

Please also consider the availability of bursaries for some courses/conferences, from organisations such as the BDIAP and the Pathological Society; these are often offered for study days and annual meetings. For those training in Neuropathology, the British Neuropathology Society (BNS) offer travel bursaries that may be available for some courses.

Society Memberships and Bursaries

Trainees should consider, and are strongly encouraged, to join the BDIAP, the Pathological Society, and the Association of Clinical Pathologists (ACP). There are reduced rates for members for registration at events organised by these societies, and bursaries are offered for members. Some of the ACP events are free for members. Neuropathology trainees are encouraged to join the BNS. Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology trainees are encouraged to join the British and Irish Paediatric Pathology Association (BRIPPA).

Course	Area of training	Suitable for	Organised by	Comments
HISTOPATHOLOGY				
FRCPath courses				
Birmingham Histopathology Course	FRCPath Part 2 Revision Course	Those preparing for FRCPath part 2	Birmingham Cytology Training Centre	
Birmingham Cytology courses – Non-gynae cytology	FRCPath Part 2 Revision Course	Those preparing for FRCPath part 2	Birmingham Cytology Training Centre	
Birmingham Cytology courses – Gynae cytology	Certificate in Higher Cervical Cytology Training (CHCCT) preparation course	Those undertaking the CHCCT	Birmingham Cytology Training Centre	
Harlow / East of England Course (previously Newmarket course)	FRCPath Part 2 Revision Course	Those preparing for FRCPath part 2		
NEPSEC FRCPath Part 2 examination refresher course in Non-gynae cytology	FRCPath Part 2 revision course	Those preparing for FRCPath part 2	NEPSEC – North of England Pathology and Screening Education Centre	
Northwick Park Cytopathology for Pathologists Course (Non-Gynae cytology)	Non-gynae cytology course	ST2+	London Regional Cytology Training Centre	There is an optional mock exam day for those taking the FRCPath Part 2
Oxbridge Medica FRCPath Part 1 revision course (Manchester Part 1 course)	FRCPath Part 1 Revision course	Those preparing for FRCPath part 1	Oxbridge medica	
Oxbridge Medica FRCPath Part 2 revision course (Manchester Part 2 course)	FRCPath Part 2 Revision Course	Those preparing for FRCPath part 2	Oxbridge medica	

Oxbridge Medica FRCPATH Part 2 Mock Course	FRCPATH Part 2 Revision Course	Those preparing for FRCPATH part 2	Oxbridge medica	
Oxford FRCPATH Course	FRCPATH Part 2 Revision Course	Those preparing for FRCPATH part 2	Oxford Pathology	
Pathological Society Winter School	FRCPATH course	ST2 +	Pathological Society	Programme runs over a three yearly cycle
BDIAP 'Cut-up' study day	Study day covers the handling of common surgical specimens in accordance with the RCPATH minimum datasets	All	BDIAP	Annual event
Molecular Pathology				
BDIAP Molecular Pathology study day	Study day covers the application of molecular pathology in the diagnostic setting		BDIAP	Annual event
Pathological Society Molecular Diagnostics Training School		All	Pathological Society	Annual event (September)
Wellcome Trust / RCPATH Molecular Pathology of Cancer	Molecular pathology with a more academic / research focus	All	Wellcome Trust/RCPATH	Competitive entry and bursaries available (limited number)
Academic/research related meetings/study days				
CM-Path Symposia		All (although senior trainees may benefit most), including academic trainees	CM-Path	Symposia to date have covered subjects such as clinical trials pathology, biobanking, liquid biopsies

Pathological Society Academic Trainee Network Meetings		Academic trainees/trainees with research interest	Pathological Society	
Management and Leadership				
Nuts and Bolts management training	Highly recommended course covering an overview of NHS management	Senior Trainees	HEE (Thames Valley)	
NHS Leadership Academy Edward Jenner Course for Leadership Skills	Online learning	All	NHS	
Introduction to leadership and management		Senior trainees	Association of Clinical Pathologists (ACP)	1 day course FREE for ACP members
Advanced leadership and management course		Senior trainees	Association of Clinical Pathologists (ACP)	3 day residential course FREE for ACP members
Mastering Professional Interactions	Communication skills workshop	Senior trainees	Medical Protection Society	
Education				
Developing learning and teaching for medical educators		ST2+	University of Oxford	
Other				
Association of Clinical Pathologists (ACP) study days and events		ST2+	ACP	Some are free for trainee members

BDIAP study days		ST2+	BDIAP	Various topics – annual 1.5 day meeting in November
RCPATH study days		ST2+ (ST1s have specific study days)	RCPATH	Various topics
Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) study days		ST2+	RSM	Pathology-related days especially relevant
Society specific study days and meetings		ST2+ dependent upon developing interests		For example, British Association of Urological Pathologists (BAUP), British Lymphoma Pathology Group (BLPG), British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG), etc.
Annual Meetings/Conferences				
Pathological Society Winter Meeting		In discussion with ES and according to PDP		Annual meeting held in January
BDIAP/Pathological Society Joint Meeting		In discussion with ES and according to PDP		Annual meeting held in June
USCAP (United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology)		In discussion with ES and according to PDP		Annual meeting held in March
PAEDIATRIC AND PERINATAL PATHOLOGY				
British and Irish Paediatric Pathology Association (BRIPPA) meetings	BRIPPA events are very important for trainees to attend		BRIPPA	
Brompton Cardiac Morphology Course			Royal Brompton Hospital Cardiac Morphology Unit	Twice a year
Children's cancer and leukemia group (CCLG) meetings			CCLG	

Hands on Cardiac Morphology Course (UCL)			UCL Institute of Cardiovascular Science	3 day course
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DIAGNOSTIC NEUROPATHOLOGY				
British Neuropathology Society Meetings (BNS)		All stages	BNS	Annual meeting (usually beginning of March)
BNS UK Diagnostic Neuropathology Training Days		All stages	BNS	2-3 times a year (organised by trainees)
Neuropathology Summer School (Cirencester)		At least once during training	BNS	Once every two years – highly recommended that trainees attend at least one
EURO-CNS Courses	Cover a number of areas including topics which are not so commonly encountered during routine practice	Depends on the course; some basic, some more advanced	EURO-CNS (European confederation of Neuropathological Societies)	Given the small number of UK trainees it would be difficult to organize these types of courses locally for UK trainees
EURO CNS Congress / ISN Congress (ICN)	Congress covers most areas		EURO-CNS / ISN (International Society for Neuropathology)	If one of those congresses takes place in the UK it would be recommended that our trainees attend
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