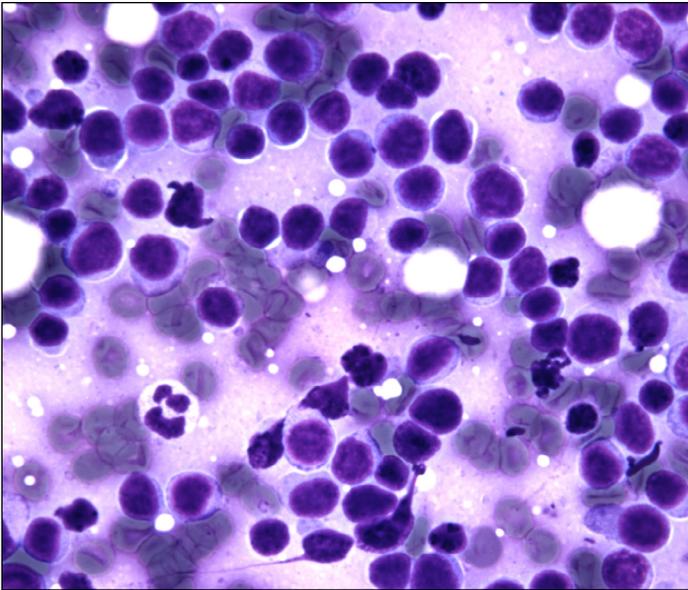


## State of the Art Symposium

*On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, during the State of the Art Symposium for the 59<sup>th</sup> ASC Annual Scientific Meeting, Dr. Paul Wakely, Jr. will summarize the status of cytopathology – fine needle aspiration biopsy in particular – and the challenges faced by cytopathologists in correctly recognizing non-Hodgkin lymphoid neoplasms.*



The World Health Organization (WHO) recently published its most recent edition of the **Classification of Tumours of Haematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues** (4<sup>th</sup> edition) after a lull of merely seven years from its prior classification. This is because no other subspecialty in pathology seems to compete with that of hematopathology in its mercurial pace of new knowledge acquisition with swift, direct application of this data to patient care. Dr. Steven Swerdlow from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, the principal and first author of this most recent WHO Classification regarding lymphoid neoplasia, will highlight in a succinct and easily comprehensible fashion a pragmatic approach to the rapid advances made in this complex and ever-changing field. Dr. Michael Borowitz from The Johns Hopkins Hospital will give listeners a summary of the ancillary tools – from flow cytometry to molecular diagnostics – that are now part and parcel of modern hematopathology practice, and how these are incorporated into the work-up of suspected lymphoproliferative lesions that one may encounter in exfoliative and aspiration biopsy specimens. Finally, Dr. Douglas Gladstone, also from The Johns Hopkins Hospital, an oncologist specializing in

hematolymphoid malignancies, provides the audience with an overview of management of patients with lymphoma and the potential role of cytopathology in the care of these individuals.

## Innovations and Trends in Medicine

*David B. Kaminsky, MD moderates this session to advocate cytopathologists as interventionalists in image-guided aspiration biopsies to create a direct patient interface on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm.*



David B. Kaminsky, MD

The trend is transformation of center focus from the laboratory to the complete patient, from the microscopist to the interface consultant, from the passive diagnostician to the interventionalist. The vehicle is the ultrasound-guided biopsy performed by cytopathologists. This represents not only a transformational force but an evolutionary inevitability. When pathologists perform ultrasound-guided FNA biopsies, there is forged a relationship of trust, intimacy and communication that takes the patient from the anxiety of the unknown to a diagnostic conclusion and therapeutic pathway.

This seminar is intended to explore the intuitive reasons why cytopathologists should embrace an opportunity to move toward a patient centered practice facilitated by US-guided FNA biopsies. It is intended to compare the boutique/concierge service with a large urban practice and an academic-based approach in a university teaching hospital and to examine the feasibility of the cytotechnologist's participation in an advanced scope of practice context. An open mind and a skilled hand are required pre-requisites.

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## Current Issues and Trends in Cytopathology

*Moderated by George Birdsong, MD and M. Sue Zaleski, MA, SCT(ASCP), Co-Chairs of the Future of Cytology Task Force, Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 11:00 am.*

Are you uncertain about the future of cytopathology and confused about the role of cytotechnologists? This 2-hour session is your bridge to the future and will showcase successful enhancement of cytotechnologists' training that can create new opportunities for career development and growth for cytotechnologists, and demonstrate the value of cytopathology to patient care and patient outcomes. Dr. V. R. Sukumar from Doctors Pathology Services of Dover, Delaware, shares his experiences restructuring the laboratory and creating exceptional quality laboratory services.

Dr. Amy Clayton from Mayo Clinic and Foundation and Ms. Jill Caudill, MEd, SCT(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup> from the School of Health Sciences, Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, have a dynamic presentation about transforming services by expanding the roles of cytotechnologists that includes retooling the cytotechnology training program to provide didactic and laboratory "hands-on" experiences to meet new and expanded roles.

This session will illustrate the adoption of innovative practices for cytotechnologists, the utility of cytotechnologists versus other health professionals for carrying out these practices, and the feasibility and impact of these practices on laboratory productivity and revenue. Each will present their respective challenges including how to assure current competencies while developing and applying novel knowledge, skills and abilities. Each will share their individual case for change, identifying obstacles as well as strategies for successful transformation.

Panelists plan to take questions from the audience. Please join us on November 7<sup>th</sup>!

## HPV Testing Algorithms Open Mic Session

November 6, 2011 @ 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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Provisional Draft  
Recommendations of the  
ASCCP, ASCP and ACS  
Cervical Cancer Screening  
and Prevention: The Role  
of Molecular Testing  
Symposium will appear on  
the web in October 2011.

There will be a special opportunity at the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting in Baltimore on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to discuss the first Provisional Draft Recommendations of the ASCCP, ASCP and ACS Cervical Cancer Screening and Prevention: The Role of Molecular Testing Symposium that will appear on the web in October 2011. ASC Past Presidents and ASC member experts who either Chair a symposium committee or serve on the Steering Committee will host an informal "open mic" session to clarify questions about the recommendations and hear your comments and concerns.

Please note that given the consensus conference timeline, Working Groups will only be able to consider written responses submitted online during the October comment period for inclusion in the pre-meeting revised drafts. While Working Groups will NOT have sufficient time to incorporate comments made during the open mic session into the written drafts, the open mic session allows comments to be communicated to the ASC representatives to the meeting, who can raise these during Symposium discussion sessions November 17-19<sup>th</sup>.

To learn more about the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting, please visit the ASC Web site.