## Course Evaluation 59th Annual Scientific Meeting

### Overall Meeting Evaluation

#### Overall

376 forms submitted out of 654 attendees

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A red asterisk (*) indicates a response is required

### DEMOGRAPHICS

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MEETING PROGRAM

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

1. UPDATE CYTOPATHOLOGISTS AND CYTOTECHNOLOGISTS ON THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF CYTOPATHOLOGY, REVIEW THE LATEST TECHNIQUES, AND UPDATE DISEASE CLASSIFICATION TO ACHIEVE BETTER DIAGNOSTIC ACCURACY.
2. ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE GREATER KNOWLEDGE OF CYTOPATHOLOGY TO SET THE HIGHEST STANDARDS FOR QUALITY PATIENT CARE.
3. FOSTER RESEARCH IN THE EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT OF HUMAN CANCER AND OTHER DISEASES.
4. Provide a forum for advocacy on behalf of cytopathologists and their patients.

The Meeting accomplished the stated learning objectives. 4.6
I am satisfied with the overall quality of the Meeting. 4.5
The amount of information covered in the Meeting was sufficient. 4.6
The Awards Presentation and Reception format highlighted the Award winners well. 4.4
I prefer the ASC not to overlap sessions so I do not have to choose what to attend. 3.6

My 2 most valuable reasons for attending the Meeting are:

- Professional growth: 286 (36.8%)
- Continuing Education credits: 213 (27.4%)
- Networking: 159 (20.5%)
- Support the profession: 109 (14%)
- Other: 10 (1.3%)

If other, please specify:

- Updating in advances in all aspects of cytopathology.
- to speak
- Catch up with colleagues also attending meeting
- Poster presentation and meetings with important cytopathologists.
- sharpening diagnostic skills and looking at new trends
- future of the profession
- To obtain new information for students.
- Improvement of own diagnostic ability and competence, regardless of CE credits (although those are a nice benefit!).
- To learn about the new tests, studies etc.
- UPDATE
- I know that it is also a very valuable educational meeting and allows all players to be able to connect and exchange ideas for the betterment of patient care and career growth. I strongly support this meeting and would like to volunteer my expertise in any area that I can be of help.

- To be exposed to new ideas and up to date trends.

- To support the ASC society

- Actually, all of the above are important to me.

- ASC is our society as cytologists and we need to support it!

**The session format that I prefer the most is:**

- Cytology Wrokshops: 178 (33.2%)
- Video Microscopy Tutorials: 157 (29.3%)
- Panel Luncheons: 78 (14.6%)
- Roundtable Discussions: 54 (10.1%)
- Other not offered: 33 (6.2%)
- Presidents Rounds: 24 (4.5%)
- Lunch with the Professor: 12 (2.2%)

**Please specific other formats you prefer:**

- Panel discussions, I’ll conference sessions
- General lectures
- Panel luncheons
- Workshops and microscopy sessions included in general registration! The current method is exclusionary.
- Workshop with microscopes for individual registrants
- I was only at one type of session
- Plenary platform presentations
- Platforms
  - more educational pannels and tutorials included in the basic registration fee, the conference workshops, pannels, lunches extra fees are too expensive for cytotechs!
  - Platforms have most potential for significant learning. Workshops tend to be better for more early career cytopathologists.
- I like the scientific session offerings.
- Panel luncheons
- Scientific sessions
- I enjoyed the panel luncheons and roundtable discussion. I did not take any workshops or do lunch with the professor, but I am sure I would have enjoyed these.
- Career planning session was great
- Workshops and roundtable discussions
- Roundtables are excellent and I love the video micro session format
- Scientific sections
• scientific sessions
• Posters
• panel lunch was also good. art and medicine was a very nice entertaining break!
• Towhall type open discussion.
• more platform presentations
• Microscope slide review
• A little more focus at immunohistochemistry as it pertains to cytology.
• The career session was great for table leaders and participants
• Innovative and interactive formats like the USFNA
• panel luncheons, round table discussions, video microscopy tutorials, in that order
• anything that is smaller in number of participants, generally speaking
• Scientific section and platform presentation
• general scientific sessions
• lectures
• Video microscopy tutorials were also beneficial.
• I prefer old-fashioned lectures.
• general scientific sessions...not requiring extra fees
• Hands on experience for participants who are interested in establishing ultrasound guided FNA practice
• cyto workshops
• Platform presentations are valuable to me.
• Lunch with the Professor
• short or long courses
• Virtual slides
• n/a
• Panel luncheons, workshops
• Diagnostic seminar
• love the Diagnostic Cytology Seminar with interesting rare cases
• platform presentations, workshops
• Scientific Sessions
• scientific sessions
• platforms and symposia
• General scientific sessions format
I really enjoyed the text polling interactivity in some of the sessions.

workshops, lectures, panel luncheons, roundtables

Panel luncheons and Cytology workshops

The Pap Puzzlers game was great.

Being able to look at the microscope myself as I learn and have a conversation at the multihead microscope about what we see.

General Sessions

None

I really enjoyed the interactive texting of answers by the audience, and I wish it had been used more often.

platform presentation

The ability to preview glass slides for a session would be helpful.

Panel luncheons

scientific platforms

Platform presentation

Panel Luncheons

A lecture format is also nice for large groups, to have a table to sit at and take notes.

also really like cytology workshops, did not attend video tutorial so am not able to evaluate

LECTURES WITH REVIEWS

I THINK WE HAVE A GOOD MIX OF THE TYPES OF SESSIONS THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE.

Scientific Sessions

all have advantagesroundtable, lunch with professor, panel luncheons all good

panel lunches, roundtable discussions,General sessions

More interaction. Allow those that cannot attend to see some of the program at a reduced cost to them. Send daily video highlights to the listserv or text link to smart phones.

Lunch with the Professor

Platform presentations.

Cytology Workshops, and Video Microscopy Tutorials

The panel luncheons were also good.

The diagnostic portions using the clicker was great.

Open Mic

ASC has given so many Patient Advocacy Award, but we do not hear the results or impact of these awards in any specific project we supported. You may want to consider a 30 minutes presentation of some of the previous awardees to present their efforts in blending science and humanity in those low resource areas in needs of cervical cancer screening.

I thought that the most useful part of the weekend was the unknown cases presented with the panel.
Glass slides workshops in small groups like vmts

lunch with the professor

Keynote speakers

The preferred format depends to some extent on the topic. In my view there is no perfect format for all things. It is also good to have a mix to suit different tastes.

Also liked workshops and panel luncheons

Panel Luncheons and roundtable discussions

Virtual slide workshop Glass slide workshop

more science

lecture

platform presentations were interesting and useful.

platform

VMT is the most enjoyable. Really like the interaction of presenter and group. Think the sessions should be longer, at least 2 hours each.

The most important piece of information that has made an impact on me and will cause a change in my practice is:

- Pearls and Tips during the session eg HCG elevation in Acinar carcinoma
- Cytology and molecular diagnostics
- Integration of molecular techniques into everyday practice
- Molecular pathology
- Changes in delivering education
- I liked the emphasis on intuition and creativity. Info on pathologists performing FNAs and lymphoma lecture were great
- The new ASCCP cervical cancer screening guidelines
- Hearing about varied cytopathology practices
- Update on HPV testing guidelines
- HPV 16/18 testing
- Renewed importance of glandular lesions on Pap tests
- Get aggressive and work on plan B for job, I hear of need for change and expanded CT roles, but in practice money is not there to support it, molecular and cytogentic jobs are given to med techs and researchers, lab management to nurses, techs can get online on job education for MB, FISH but that does not translate for jobs or extra pay for most (outside Mayo).
- Changing role of cytotechnologists will impact how I train my cytotechnologists
- Increased knowledge of molecular basis of cytology.
- Think PEComa
- I have a much better understanding of emerging molecular technology now and what is on the horizon for cytology. I am going to call our reference labs this week to make sure I know what they can do on my cytology specimens.
- Salivary gland workshops were very well done and contained very useful pointers for practice.
- None
- QA
- Current trends in innovation
- I finished fellowship in June of this year and started as an attending at an academic center in July. I was considering asking for an ultrasound machine for on-site FNA’s before the meeting but was on the fence/not quite brave enough. The Innovations and Trends in Medicine lecture was very helpful in convincing me to take this step, and provided me with comprehensive pros/cons and issues to discuss with my chairman when I get back. I also got a chance to discuss this one-on-one with Drs. Sanchez and Powers, and they were very supportive and gave me helpful advice. Thanks!
- New education obtained on the basics of the molecular testing and the companion relationship to cytology. My goal was to help prepare my laboratory to help meet the needs of this new testing methods
- Enjoyed lymphoma discussion
- Techniques in U/S guided FNAs
- Classification of thyroids
- Dr. Kaminsky’s FNA presentation
- The small cell lymphoma differential diagnosis presentation, Sunday, 06 Nov., 4:30-5:30 PM
- Molecular
- Update of screening for cervical cancer
- n/a
- Changing models and planning for the impact of molecular testing
- How to approach diagnostic problems
- We will begin to utilize the cytotechnician’s for our Ventana Image Analysis System.
- Update on WHO terminology and lymphoma therapy
- Learning how to utilize cytology samples for molecular testing
- The use of digital imaging for educational purposes.
- Presentation of the results and possibilities
- State of the art symposium platform presentations
- Molecular testing
- Video microscopy of urine, thyroid and salivary gland cytology
- I attended almost all the molecular sessions and felt they were informative and relevant to my practice. I hope we can begin incorporating more molecular testing in cytology over the next few years
- Introducing professional growth areas for cytotechnologists
- New guidelines for Pap HPV testing
- Cytotechnology education changes and managerial options
Hearing the report from Mayo on the future of Cytology Education and their use of their technologists, including the cost savings, was a major benefit for attending the conference. As a technologist myself, I now see a light at the end of the tunnel. There is no deadend in our field. We have the skill set and drive to take on those tasks laid out, including tumor marking, FISH, etc. I am excited to share with my fellow technologists the hope for the future. Now if only we could get the ball rolling....

- screening recommendations
- handling of lung tumor specimens for ancillary testing
- Pancreas FNA
- I will look more closely at the US images of the pancreas in the EUS suite to help guide me in my diagnosis.
- Changing my cytotechs practice to reflect a decreasing pap population.
- changing
- UK luncheon presenters Sunday
- career development
- Dr. Ali thyroid video microscopy tips on what to do with various problematic FNAs.
- To actively start to become involved and trained in what is essentially becoming the new job description for a cytotechnologist which will include becoming proficient in molecular techniques and becoming a more active team member in the setting of rapid on site assessment including understanding more radiology and improving communication with the clinicians involved in these procedures.
- New feature of cytotechnology education and cytotech responsibilities
- Lymphoma classification
- information presented via posters/platform sessions augmented by some of the scientific sessions
- Using Vimentin in serous fluid assessment.
- Developing a career ladder in cytology
- Encourage more cytotechs to be involved in non-traditional roles such as assisting ultrasound guided FNA, performing adequacy service and reading slides from ancillary tests
- Various methods for molecular testing on cytology samples
- Dr. Clayton and the Mayo experience. I hope to expand the practice of cytology at our hospital.
- Diagnostic criteria discussed at the sessions and workshops
- Review of scientific criteria in GYN cytology.
- info lymphoma dx
- Use of air dried cytology slides for molecular testing
- opportunities for cytotechnologists to participate in pathology practices
- data on implementation of Bethesda classification for thyroid FNA (posters and platform presentations)
- Obtaining information in regards to the future of "Digital Pathology"
- HPV testing
- Digital pathology
Lung molecular testing

Gaining more knowledge of EUS of the pancreas and to have more onsite references to refer to.

Seeing the variety and ingenuity that cytotechnologists possess through their understanding of cell morphology, cell life cycle, cancer progression, and anatomy. As one area of practice shrinks, advertise and exemplify desired skills.

Learn about ultrasounds guided FNA's

Worry about the field in general with molecular testing replacing cytopathology

Trends in US and EUS guided Cytology.

The impact of HPV testing and Pap smear screening.

transforming cytotechnologist role and education

Expanding Roles for Cytotechnologists

updates on pancreatic cytopathology

New knowledge obtained

The suggestions on how to standardize urine cytology reports

transitioning roles of Cytotechnologists

Changes in CT programs and looking towards the future of Cytotechnology.

HPV will replace the Pap

None

The most important find in screening pap smears is ASCH, this is to be ruled out on every slide.

Future practice of cytology in the USA

- Current trends in cervical cytology screening- Collection methods for molecular studies- New educational active learning methods for students

thyroid cytology

New advances in cytopathology practice

Expanding the roles of cytotechs - different ideas that will be easy to implement.

the video microscopy course where I learned new information about litigation cells, the background of the slide being very important and the nuclei of the LSIL having abnormalities to constitute being an actual koilocyte

discussions on primary cervical cancer screening

None

ASC Cytotechnologist Business Meeting

Molecular basis of cytological changes

discussion on the new HPV alogrithms

Discussion of molecular testing on lung cancers

alot of new information especially stuff related to Molecular/Cytogenetics testing on cytology specimens and the role of Cytotechs.
- FNA Clinic
- cytology workshops, platform presentation
- Urine cytology is not for the low grade lesions.
- Molecular testing
- It was interesting to see that even with schools closing, spots at existing schools left open remain the same.
- The information on the changing scope of practice for cytotechnologists.
- Informatics and Just culture
- The possibility to get a step ahead in future of cytology by incorporating molecular techniques into Cytology lab now. We perform numerous EBUS and EUS FNAs at my institution, we have UroVysion assay up and running and now is the time to act in brining other molecular techniques into the lab.
- Career ladder was very nice add on, hope it’s offered at the next meeting more than once
- new molecular tests and use of US in FNA clinic
- I was made aware of new immunohistochemistry and molecular approaches to lung carcinoma that I want to try to implement in my lab.
- molecular techniques and ways to expand the CT into other critical roles such as fish in the clinical lab
- PANCREATIC CYST ASPIRATION MANAGEMENT FROM CYTOLOGY POINT OF VIEW WITH CHEMISTRY EVALUATION OF THE FLUID
- Update on practice patterns, diagnosis and ancillary testing
- THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO TAKE HOME EACH YEAR FROM THE ASC MEETING AND I CANT PINPOINT ANY ONE PARTICULAR THING
- Information on molecular testing and HPV testing
- Information about whole slide imaging
- transitioning of the cytotechnologist from "screener" to professional
- The key role that Molecular Diagnostics will play in the future of cytopathology
- The future of Cytology
- Pancreas cysts VMT
- best use of small specimens for molecular testing
- The information disseminated at the open mic session on the preliminary conclusions of the PICSUM working groups.
- Role of molecular studies in thyroid and lung cytopathology
- What I learned in the roundtable discussion on the approach to managing errors
- the open mic session
- possibly guidelines
- The changes in cytology education and the addition of molecular methods to school curricula.
- How others are feeling about the proposed new guidelines.
- Molecular testing from tumor cell-rich areas of smears
- Mayo's organization of cytology talent should be reviewed by labs who are looking for career ladders.
- Concerns about cytotechnologist workload
- To think out of the box in some cases.
- From the Career Planning and Growth—To update my resume—I also plan to incorporate the Behavioral Interviewing in our practice
- Proposed screening guidelines and proposed workload limits for automated screening.
- Hearing the personalized story about the Pap smear that saved a mother's life.
- Pap smears are here to stay.
- The new technology in obtaining Molecular Samples for DNA testing.
- The impact of emerging market and personalized medicine on cytopathology and the attitude of transforming and changing of our roles from traditional morphologic analysis to more diversified responsibility in this modern medicine era. I am glad finally to see the tone of this society is changing.
- I can't name one.
- The new roles of cytotechnologists as our field changes and evolves with new technology.
- Ongoing changes in cytology and its impact to cytotechnologist
- England going to HPV testing as a primary screening method!
- Presented in the Ultrasound FNA workshop
- The role of molecular pathology in cytology diagnosis
- Current Issues
- Nothing earthshaking in my view that will impact my practise at this time.
- Topics regarding the role of the Cytotechnologist
- Discussions of changing Cytotechnologist Scope of Practice and Cervical CA screening guidelines
- The information on HPV testing and how to do more with smaller samples.
- The future of GYN cytology
- Cervical cancer screening guideline
- Communicating with others as to what they are doing in their cytopathology lab setting
- The merger of cytology and molecular techniques
- Practical approaches
- Ultrasound in cyto
- HPV testing and the Myriad of management guidelines.
- I really enjoyed "The innovations and Trends in medicine" session. I live in Canada and it was extremely interesting to understand how the field of cytology changes in United States and how it compares to Canada.

**INTERACTION IN A VIDEO MICROSCOPY SESSION**

- Contact and networking with CTS and pathologists
- Scientific sessions about FNA.
• attend more workshops and continuing education opportunities
• approach to pancreatic FNAs

My favorite part of the Annual Scientific Meeting is:

• Video Microscopic sessions
• Networking
• Diagnostic cytology seminar
• Plenary sessions
• Networking
• I would like to meet people but didn’t really meet anyone, as I was here by myself and people didn’t seem interested in introducing themselves or talking to someone they didn’t already know.
• - diagnostic slide seminar- I also particularly enjoyed the lecture on Art and Medicine
• posters
• Networking
• Plenary platform presentations
• Video microscopy lessons
• Diagnostic seminar
• Seeing old colleagues and mentoring young trainees
• Scientific sessions
• Diagnostic Cytology Seminar
• Diagnostic cytology seminar
• Diagnostic Slide Seminar
• The all morning diagnostic update on Friday was wonderful.
• Innovations and Trends
• scientific session
• Strategies in Education
• Platform presentations
• Learning something new. Not reviewing somethign I already know.
• Diagnostic cytology seminar
• I really do enjoy the Diagnostic Cytology Seminar, although I also enjoy the VMT’s/workshops. Tough call to choose between these for favorite.
• Scientific session---excellent overall topics ranging for technical skills to changes in our profession and possible directions for changes within my lab
• seeing friends, exchanging ideas
• Diagnostic slide seminar, platforms
• Diagnostic Seminar
• Posters
• scientific sessions
• Cytology Diagnostic Seminar
• Workshops. Scientific sessions, Especially that of Eliz Blackburn, a few years ago!!
• networking
• Receptions and meeting colleagues
• Meeting my colleagues
• scientific sessions included in the registration
• seeing what is new and establishing connections with colleagues
• cytology challenge slides on Monday afternoon with the panel
• Seeing old colleagues and meeting new ones.
• Networking, general sessions
• video tutorials
• video microscopy sessions
• The platform and poster presentations
• Diagnostic Cytology Seminar that I am unable to attend because of the high cost of staying for the duration of the meeting.
• Workshops
• platform presentations
• Diagnostic cytology
• Video microscopy
• Meeting new people
• Diagnostic Cytology Seminar and so much more
• gaining insight into activities/research others are doing
• the Diagnostic Cytology Seminar
• The future of cytology education session.
• Cytotechnology Business meeting
• the unknown session
• The video microscopy and cytology workshops
• Diagnostic seminar
• the diagnostic slide seminar.
• Diagnostic cytology seminar
• Workshops, panel luncheons, networking with colleagues to gain insight into other types of lab operations.
• Platform presentation
• Networking and determining where the profession is going.
• seeing old friends
• general scientific sessions
• platforms
• Diagnostic Seminar. I not only enjoy it for myself but take it back to our pathology residents and cytopathology fellow.
• To be participating in the workshops & learning from presentations amongst the best experts in their field. The welcome/president’s reception is always a highlight as well.
• Diagnostic cytology seminar career planning and growth
• The state of the art presentations
• as above
• WK10
• General Sessions/lunch sessions
• Scientific session Current issues
• Diagnostic seminar.
• Diagnostic Cytology Seminar
• poster platforms
• Cytology Seminar
• Exhibits opening event
• Current Issues in Cytology and breaks with exhibitors.
• Video microscopy tutorials
• Opportunity to learn of updates in Cytology Practices and meeting people from across the country.
• koss lecture
• Leopold Koss Lectureship
• GUEST LECTURES
• connecting with other cytology professionals
• BEING ABLE TO ASSOCIATE WITH COLLEAGUES TO ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE.
• Posters and platform presentations
• Diagnostic Seminar
General Sessions
The cytology workshops
Leopold Koss lecture & posters
Going over diagnostic challenges.
seeing old colleagues
networking
Diagnostic cytology and cytology education panel
Diagnostic cytology seminar
lunch with the professor
Art in Medicine presentation was quite unique.
Hearing the new responsibilities of cytotechnologist and what they can do to help out the laboratory.
seeing old friends and meeting new ones.
Diagnostic Cytology Seminar
Platform sessions
Meeting up with colleagues to discuss issues face to face
didactic sessions
Open mic session and networking with colleagues.
Platforms
Additional emphasis on the molecular areas of our practice. More of this is needed as individualized medicine continues to grow.
Strategies in Education
scientific sessions
Meeting friends
Learning about the new trends going on in other locations.
Unknown conference
Platform presentations
video tutorials
NETWORKING
Diagnostic seminars
The reception, the first one, where we could talk with the salesmen about the new equipment and I was able to visit with other CTs.
Diagnostic Seminar
Diagnostic Slide Seminar
• State of the Art
• Networking opportunities
• Video Microscopy Tutorials
• Cytology case seminar
• Scientific Sessions
• continuing education and evaluation for practices in other groups.
• Diagnostic Challenges in Cytopathology
• cytology education sessions
• Seeing my colleagues
• seeing former residents, techs and fellows
• Meeting new people, learning new things, almost everything.
• scientific platforms
• Meeting with the National Experts in cytology
• scientific session
• Roundtable and lunch with the professor
• the video tutorial workshops.
• Liked the current issues in Cytology
• Panel luncheon. Sitting and talking with cytopath peers during the meal prior to the topic up for discussion begins.
One on one over a meal makes a difference than just sitting side by side in a lecture.
• Current issues & diagnostic workshop with phone in response
• Seeing fellow professionals.
• Relevant topics (current issues in cytology, path performed fna's)
• diagnostic seminar
• networking socials
• workshops
• THE UNKNOWN CASE CONFERENCE
• Opportunities for informal netowrking.
• The Diagnostic Seminar
• platform presentations
• Connecting with others in the field
• Learning what other labs are doing
• Platform sessions
• networking platform presentations
• The State of the Art symposium
• Diagnostic Cytology Seminar
• Current issues in Cytology topic and meeting cohorts
• current issues in cytology
• meeting friend
• Meeting and talking to others in the profession.
• Innovations and trends
• workshops
• The awards Gatherings at exhibit area Guest lectures.
• Strategies in Cytology Education
• gaining a depth of knowledge on topics that are new in the profession
• State of the Art Symposium
• Opportunity to see colleagues and network.
• Innovation & trend
• Seeing and hearing from all of the leaders in the field. It is very inspirational.
• Meet and greet.
• Platform presentations
• Platform presentations.
• New ASC president Dr. Howell's speech which provides the hope to see the leadership's vision and direction of changing and transforming our society. It is very encouraging!
• State of the Art Symposium
• The resident/fellow career session on Monday night was fantastic. I got to network with several cytopathologist and get career and CV advice.
• Networking with like minded people and learning all of the new advances in our field.
• diagnostics cytology seminar
• networking and meeting old friends
• Meeting other cytotechs and pathologists and finding out their pattern of practice.
• Slide Seminar
• Innovation lecture
• Meeting other cytopathologists
• Papanicolaou address
• Platform sessions
Networking

Poster Presentations

The two Art and Cytology open session lectures

I really enjoyed the guest lecture on Art and Medicine. I also enjoy the diagnostic seminars.

New ideas shown in new seminars.

Major symposia and platform sessions

Papa Nicolaou Award presentation

Meeting spectacular lab professionals

Cytology Workshop

Diagnostic slide seminar

scientific sessions

Current Concepts and Future Directions Lecture.

poster and platform sessions

Networking and earning CME

Interactions with other cytotechnologist and pathologists. I also really enjoyed the open format of the meeting and vast choice of lectures and topics.

The great opportunities for networking....

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS AND VENDOR CONTACTS

Video microscopy tutorials and cytology workshops

networking at social functions platform presentations

Unknowns during the scientific session.

Scientific sessions

Diagnostic Seminar

scientific sessions

really enjoy the panels (often multidisciplinary) at the scientific sessions, also really enjoy the humanistic discussions (art in medicine, etc.)

platform presentations

My least favorable part of the Annual Scientific meeting is:

Posters

Not sure

Mediocre posters

Long day. There were Pap test topics early and late in a single day.
• NO presentations by cytotech - I expected to hear from Mayo CT's on their REAL experience with Mayo program
• Too much emotion, too little science.
• The length
• Awards Reception--prefer sit down dinner. Do not drink alcohol. Although music was much better this year---it was jazz NOT NOISE. There was no coat check--very inconsiderate for a formal affair.
• video microscopy
• I need coffee at EVERY break!
• sessions with a loose association to cytology or medicine, like the museum speaker
• "Humanities" topics offered by featured speakers
• The video microscopy session and the awards.
• None
• lunch time.. always torn between staying for a session or going out sightseeing!
• none
• Overlapping sessions
• n/a
• Paying for special sessions
• None
• none
• have to choose what to attend when sessions overlap
• some days are long
• the Koss lecture
• N/A
• the new member session was not helpful at all. I thought it would give me insight as to how to navigate the meeting. had no idea a light breakfast was served.
• art lecture
• How compartmentalized everything has become. For example, breaking up the Educator's session so that each session is charged a fee.
• Poor exhibits - not enough companies, etc
• strategies in cytology education
• none
• The hotel staff in common areas where not helpful.
• The food was not as food as at other ASC meetings
• Having committee meetings scheduled during scientific platform sessions
• Hectic schedule
• cost
• The Visionary art lecture - what happened with that?
• Lecture rooms without tables to write on. No handouts/syllabus. No CD's of images offered
• None
• Panel Luncheons
• not having a single time to view the posters and ask questions. It is difficult to be present at your poster for each and every break. If you present the poster, it is hard to get around to see other's posters.
• Business meetings
• poster section
• politics
• presidents address and koss lecture
• The retiring cytotech from Yale trying to dominate the microphone at various sessions.
• none
• The fact that many posters are not hung and there are blank spaces where there should be a poster.
• breaks in between the above...voids of time w/ nothing to do
• Lunch with the professor
• business meeting
• Sometimes the scientific sessions are above my understanding.
• roundtable discussion
• Pomp and circumstance
• Business Meeting.
• cell phones not turned off during sessions.
• none
• I prefer smaller workshop settings.
• overlapping sessions
• Evening sessions
• LATE SESSIONS 7:00PM-8:00PM ESPECIALLY WHEN I ATTEND DAY STARTING AT 8,00AM
• cost
• location in Baltimore!
• inviting speakers for plenary sessions who have little relationship with the science/practice of cytopathology
• none
- the business meeting
- Night VMTs
- n/a
- lectures on lymphomas
- None
- Choosing which sessions I wanted to attend.
- None
- Poster session- there were still posters that should have been rejected on scientific basis. I saw a couple that reported results that were not statistically significant, but then the authors concluded that there was a difference! I saw others that made conclusions that did not have any statistics to support the validity of the conclusions. I am greatly disappointed. There were poor small minimal studies presented at platform that asked questions that could not be answered by the study design. Then, there was one in particular well designed extensive research report of over 70,000 cases that answered the questions posed by the two poor platform studies, but the large study (with appropriate statistical analysis) was accepted as a poster only. What are we teaching our young people? That if you are friends with the program committee you can submit junk science and be showcased? But that when you do good science you will be marginalized? We should get rid of the poster sessions if they are to be conducted in this way. This is an on-going problem with the society.
- too many great sessions occurring at once. difficult to decide what to attend
- Business meeting.
- none
- Too long!!! Exhausting days!
- awards
- Picking which sessions to go to - can't go to everything I want to.
- The topics of Cytology not dealing with what I do.
- none
- None
- Not enough time to meet other attendees
- None
- Nothing
- Having to pay for every session. The registration fee is so high and you don't get any sessions for this price.
- N/A
- None
- high price of onsite accommodations
- none
- roundtables
- lunch with the professor
- The program was very hard to read, finding the workshops date and time, subjects. I had to go back and forth to compile the information.
• awards
• traveling across the country to attend.
• State of the Art symposium (just because of the particular topic this year)
• Difficulty finding coffee/beverage between running between sessions after 10am
• none
• Very long lunch break if you are not doing a luncheon
• roundtables/small group lunch sessions
• REGISTRATION WAS VERY CONFUSING IN TERMS WHICH COURSES WERE OFFERED AND THEIR CONTENTS AND SCHEDULE. I DON'T LIKE LATE SESSIONS: 7:30 PM
• NONE
• Could be a day shorter and more condensed to accommodate those of us who have a hard time getting away from our busy practices.
• The State of the Society address
• The long distance to travel
• Awards ceremony
• Art and medicine Koss Lecture
• Loud music at the Awards Reception that prevents conversation
• diagnostic cytology seminar
• too many sessions with paid access only
• The difficulty getting between the exhibitors and the posters.
• Leopold Koss lectureship
• Everything online. Nothing wrong with a piece of paper, when everybody ends up printing everything anyway.
• Long award acceptance speeches with power point slides. Thank you for changing the awards this year.
• The travel to and from
• eating breakfast with no protein! more hard-boiled eggs and yogurt, please!
• poster sessions
• None
• I wasn’t fond of the round table I attended. Very pricy for a discussion that ended early and was not very good overall.
• Waking up so early in the morning. JK.
• Length of the overall meeting.
• Poster sessions
• The lack of food options at breakfast time. It would also be nice to have light snacks and water available between sessions.
• art and medicine
• getting there
• when it is over
• Not sure
• None
• nothing. Everything is worthwhile
• no least favorite
• Being away from home, working hard to be able to leave and face a backlog when returning
• Registration- the smaller sessions fill up so quickly
• This lengthy on-line evaluation process
• Trying to network and meet people. There has to be an easier way!
• The Big Cities where they are held.
• I don't have one.
• The food provided during Lunch with the Professor is too cheap
• Business meeting
• workshops
• workshops while very interesting are way too expensive and difficult for the average pathologist to attend several during one meeting. The sessions should be free or more affordable if they are to be helpful to cytopathologists. The meeting was just way too expensive overall.
• Lots of down time, would prefer to compress with earlier stopping time.
• Round table discussions
• Sessions that go into late evening
• Posters, although this year's offerings seemed better than usual. Frequently overwhelmed by sheer number of posters and uselessness of many.
• lack of a gala dinner
• having to choose between the included update on lymphoma session and some of the optional cytology workshops offered at the same time

What suggestions of topics, needs or practice gaps do you wish were a part of the Meeting and suggest the ASC to incorporate?

• Management and medico legal
• The gathering for the Strategies in Education was a waste of time. I would like to recommend that a topic question be posed and then representatives from the different programs respond to it.
• How about "We are all human...what do we do when we make a diagnostic/interpretive mistake?"
• More molecular diagnostics.
• Cluster topics in a half day, such that I do not have to be at something both early AND late in the day. Tiring.
I am happy with the range of topics covered
More unknown conferences. These are excellent
Molecular aspects of cytology.
Was great as is.
More on emerging technologies that may change or extend our practices
Cross-training cytotechs for FISH and other forms of molecular testing
Not having the print outs was frustrating. Having them printed out ahead of time is best or sending out the handouts well in advance is acceptable.
More topics on innovation, creativity and leadership
Helping find or provide methods for current "CT" to
CPT coding
continue discussion on HPV
GI cytology.
None
none
mentoring sessions, jobs fair, scientific collaborations.
Nothing really, There were good updates on hematology, HPV testing, cervical cancer screening, thyroid, FNA etc.
Open access charter in modern era and moral role of scientific societies like ASC. Prevent trap of loosing copyright by ASC members as scholars and protect the rights to their hard earned intellectual property.
Effective use of media to promote cytopathology/cytotechnology. Very much needed to promote the field & support the schools.
More exhibits and more poster presentations
more science to attract physicians
microscope sessions
More thyroid lessons on conventional smears since many practices still have not stifted over to liquid base cytology.
It would have been great to have the Current Issues alone so there was no competition from other courses- I think that topic is critical enough that everyone needs to hear it!
test preparation for cytotechnologists for ASCP MB exam
I miss the art auctions for the foundation
I wish there were more focused courses for the technologists. For example, holding refresher courses on the morphology and genesis of various "rare" tumors or even not so rare tumors. Courses discussing the clinical implications of diagnoses, including those related to Pap testing and HPV (ie: Pap test resulting: How the diagnosis translates to patient care.) These kinds of courses would involve more technologists and would be particularly valuable to cytology students, but also to working technologist who desire more education. Current workshops/groups and even eConferences discuss morphology early but then quickly move into IHC, which although interesting, doesn't really apply to technologists who don't review IHC. I think, for example, it might be interesting to have a workshop on recognizing phylloides tumors.
Biliary brush workshops
Increasing the registration fee but allow people go all sections.

EUS-FNA of the Pancreas

look for people with extensive real practice experience who may have been overlooked as presenters

oncology clinical trials

Keep up the good work, I thought it was very comprehensive.

I think there is a dearth of information and teaching about FNA biopsy. This is the future of cytology and should be emphasized much more.

more emphasis on scientific sessions w/ teaching cases (like unknown symposium or hemepath symposium)...rather than political/cytotech training issues..may be politically incorrect to say so...

Deep seated lesions - e.g. retroperitoneum, that is a rich source of an array of diseases.

To extend hands-on training on ultrasound guided FNA

More basic scientists. Input from non-cytopathologists.

none

DISCUSS MORE TOPIC'S THAT EFFECT TODAY SMALLER HOSPITAL PRACTICES AND NOT CONCENTRATE ON LARGE LEARNING INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITES.

Direct pathway for cytotechnologist to obtain training for molecular and/or other certifications. Help to create curriculum to broaden and diversify the cytotechnologist competencies.

CSF fluid cytology and dealing with CJD.

CNS cytologyInfectious diseasesNon-lymphoma hematopathology

I liked it when persons non-ct and non-cytopathologist came to relate to our field as an aside. Interesting to view perceptions of ourselves and how we impact other departments.

Additional bio-ethics discussions/presentations

Consider more interdisciplinary panels (hemepath panel benefited from having HemOnc practicner on panel) -- e.g. Endocrinologist with Thyroid etc. Get out of the Cytopath only box.

I think it was covered well at this conference.

None

I would like to see presentations on innovations that are not politically/corporately favored, to open our minds. I see that good ideas are marginalized by our society, because they are not the favored ideas of the ones who own the NIH pursestrings, for example, or might compete with the product of a company that has some of our members in their pockets.

Please continue to include molecular modalities. Perhaps offer workshops specifically addressing the basics of molecular techniques. These would be beneficial for those wishing to take the molecular certification as well as those interested in finding out more specifics about PCR, FISH, etc. and how they may be able to adapt into their practice. It does not hurt to offer very basic information on techniques like PCR and mutational analysis as some people do not know what they are or how they are run and what they can be used for.

More education for students

Teaching teachers how to teach

FNA PERFORMANCE SESSIONSU/S GUIDED FNAs for pathologists

I wished that more Cytotechs gave presentations because it was hard to understand some of the doctors. I felt like I walked away with more information from the Cytotechs who gave talks because I understood their lingo and also their descriptive interpretations.
- more on laboratory management
- None
- More on Lean workflow, new technologies
- None.
- evaluating/coaching cytotechnologist performance
- This meeting was well covered for all current topics.
- More sessions on automation of cytopathology
- Anything in regards to new stuff what is going on in the world of cytopathology. New tests, more practical applications of Cytogenetics as well as Molecular testing on cytology specimens. Stuff which could motivate cytotechs to play an active role in the upcoming meetings.
- none
- Government, State rules for the practice of Cytopathology. PT.
- Quality Assurance & Quality Improvement. Just as Cytology is moving in a different direction with advances, I think there is a great potential to improve the QA & QI measures we follow
- At my facility, we rotate turns to attend this meeting, so I always am on my own. I wish there were ways to gather small groups of people with common professional interests.
- need to incorporate more about molecular path...such as in house validation, setting up, etc. Maybe partner with AMP for a session.
- I would like to see the ASC do even more to develop and present new areas of opportunity for cytopathology, especially for cytotechs who will need to do more of other things as Paps decrease.
- Digital imaging, incorporation of molecular diagnostics into cytopathology practice
- THE ASC MEETING COVERED MOST OF THE CHALLENGING AREAS IN CYTOLOGY. SOME SESSIONS WERE BETTER THAN OTHERS. OVERALL THE STANDARD AND CONTENT WAS BOTH HIGH AND BROAD
- Prep troubleshooting
- more molecular practice
- Presentation of the BASIC fundamentals of molecular biology to understand more fully the molecular tests used in cytopathology.
- investigate the validity of the various HPV testing methods and the "in house validation" of SurePath for HPV testing, the results of which are not available to LabCorp and Quest customers.
- Opportunities to earn or at least start the process of specialty certification. Vendors offer their training during meetings so you can go home with a certificate.
- Consider some revisions to the Diagnostic Seminar( I made specific comments on another area of this survey)
- Nothing comes to mind
- Lab operations
- Not sure.
- Application of molecular, digital and other emerging technologies into cytopathology
- I think pretty much all topics covered.
• Troubleshooting in cytopreparation.
• More cytology workshops
• Continue with current issues that affect the profession
• I think the spreading use of thinline preparations for FNA is concerning as, in my view, and based on the literature it does not work all that well for these types of specimens. Maybe there could be a controversy panel on this in the future. Also there are significant issues with conflict of interest in this area. Many folk who advocate thin layer work closely with companies and are paid for their services. Thin layer technique had to be proven for GYN specimens but this process was not done for other cytology types of specimens.
• Continue offering information and viable options for enlarged scope of practice for cytotechnologists. Molecular workshops for cytotechs!
• IHC
• EUS-FNA of the pancreas
• EBUS cytology, Infectious disease, Urine cytology
• Compliance with regulations, performance evaluations of the cytotechs and pathologists.
• More on molecular testing. The various molecular tests that can be done with cytology specimens and how to procure the specimens.
• Molecular biology of the diseases we diagnosis and help treat
• Workshops in cytogenetics and molecular medicine.
• An all-inclusive price for the meeting. Lower costs for workshops and tutorials would be helpful and encourage greater participation. The meeting was also too long and should be shorter (3 days).
• More lecture and topics on immunohistochemistry and molecular techniques such as FISH and gene studies.
• Ways in revising proficiency testing protocol
• Digital microscopy, role of molecular diagnostics in practical cytopathology

Other comments regarding the Annual Scientific Meeting:

• Liked Baltimore as a site. Hotel did not have many eating establishments, but at least it was close to a lot of ones around.
• I will recommend it to others. I will attend again if I can get funding.
• Excellent meeting, I always enjoy attending it. Keep up the good work!
• I think it is time to stop or change the format of the Diagnostic Slide seminar. It is getting stale.
• ASC meetings are too expensive for non-MD’s to attend, Hilton charges for the internet, most interesting workshops cost extra, most labs do not reimburse for these meetings, at my institution one tech can go per year, we rotate.
• Roundtable discussions should be in several rooms rather than one large room. This would help to keep the noise level down.
• Extra registration fee for almost every learning opportunity keeps even cytopathologists from signing up for these. Must be a real obstacle for cytotechs, who get even less CME $ than we do.
• Good location, innovative program. Please consider NYC, Charleston, Savannah, San Antonio for future locations. Did not like Koss Lecture--too new age artsy but talk by Dr. McGovern was excellent. Cybercafe was appreciated & low computer for wheelchair users but no chair for those otherwise disabled.
• Great experience!
- Holding the Awards Presentations on the last evening is not favorable to the best attendance. It would be better if held midway through the event to encourage greatest attendance. Those being recognized deserve the opportunity for the greatest number to attend.

- I enjoyed the text pole we did during the meeting.

- I enjoyed the meeting immensely

- This is a very minor criticism - I preferred the setup in Boston, where we had tables at the VMTs and workshops. It was difficult to take notes here when it was just chairs and no tables. Otherwise, thank you for a great meeting!

- Even though meeting seemed smaller I seemed to gain the knowledge I was seeking and had more time to network and meet up with old and new contacts--very enjoyable meeting and good location

- Excellent!

- Prefer to have a higher global fee to cover most of sections including workshops, etc

- The platforms and posters were presented very well

- None

- This was a very well organized meeting. There was enough variety that it kept being interesting.

- Enjoyable and conducive to learning

- Cost of attending is too high. Many attendees that I spoke to did not sign up for the round tables, luncheons, workshops, etc because of the cost. Restructure the program so that the educator’s conference is held during the meeting so that educator’s can afford to attend beyond Sunday. I noticed a lot of redundancy of topics (some panel luncheons & round table topics were the same as those presented in the scientific sessions and were presented by the same individuals).

- Excellent meeting, even for a veterinarian - I will attend more of these meetings - especially enjoyed the Art and Medicine talk - do more of these

- Excellent

- Good meeting but expensive compared to other CME courses

- It was a great meeting. Thanks!

- Great job all

- Wonderful meeting, thank you

- Still a fantastic meeting

- It was SO worthwhile and I will return to work energized by and comfortable with the future of cytology.

- Great meeting! This was my first time at an ASC conference and I am already planning on attending next year! The items courses were great and were very practical for a community hospital. I plan on taking many of the things that I learned at the ASC conference back with me!

- Thought that the breakfast offered needed to be more varied and was meager. The registration is very expensive.

- Scientific sessions were good and well attended. One should not use BASICS OF developing FNA program as timely topics. This aspect is one of the two major reasons that the specialty has developed.

- Thank you for the staff's hard work

- Would be nice to take some of the topics/speakers from the limited attendance round tables/lunch with professor formats and make a general scientific sessionBring the art for advocacy auction back

- Very poor, almost embarrassingly low level of science

- Excellent meeting. The cytopathologists in my group take turns attending the meeting. That's why I'll not be at the
Las Vegas meeting.

- This ASC meeting was a very well-planned, well-organized meeting. Main topics addressed were very interesting and relevant to our work. It was a pleasurable and valuable experience... thank you !!!

- I am tired of the focus on cytotechnologists. I think it is time to move towards diagnostic cytology and gradually steer away from the traditional focus on screening cytology. Cytotechnologists should be welcome but the meeting need not focus around cytotechnology work as it often does. Make this a medical conference.

- as above

- This was not the first time I experienced that the venue was too big for the purpose. I felt I had limited opportunity to network due to the physical isolation of sites.

- I liked the closeness of everything at this meeting. Last year everything was too spread out.

- It is good meeting overall. For the Diagnostic Seminar, the presenters should be more focused.

- Loved it and thought the hotel, etc. were great as were the STAFF! Kudos to all.

- Hadn't been in 7 years. I won't wait that long again!

- Great meeting, well balanced and interesting topics covered

- EXCELLENT

- it was excellent!

- generally very worthwhile

- none

- Need more vendors Like daily emails at the meeting

- Very very busy. I did not participate further than the basic package and yet I felt as though I went non-stop from sun up to sun down. I enjoyed it immensely - I can't imagine how people did more!

- great meeting!

- The prices of workshops and tutorials are a bit overpriced.

- It was my first meeting and hope I will be able to attend more in the future.

- Monday was a really long day with events one after another.

- None

- very, very expensive -- $250 for 1.5 hours of CME!

- When there is a line of questioning at platform that is interesting to the audience, that should continue for a few minutes longer and not end just because the moderator wants to give time to the next guy. Often the next guy has junk science to present and there is no audience interest. Perhaps we could build in a few more minutes of "flex question time" into the scientific sessions.

- Please limit the amount of time people are allowed at the open mics (and number of time allowed to speak). Also, please be mindful of time so activities do not run over and people must decide between going to a session late to finish something or leaving early.

- Good meeting.

- It is difficult to hear the speaker or other participants during the roundtables or lunch with professor because all groups are in one room and there is too much ambient noise.

- very good meeting
Could use better box lunches.

Ok, there was a definite controversy between "doctors" and "Cytotechs". There were several things said at the meeting which really led to those topics of conversation. My friend, a CT, said she was the only CT in a room full of doctors at a paid for meeting/panel luncheon and she felt too 'stupid' to ask a very good question that related to her practice. It really hurt my feelings to know she felt like that and that she couldn't ask such a relevant question pertaining to her field.

None

No.

Very well run meeting

The exhibits were not kept open for enough time. On Monday afternoon since the exhibits closed early there was nothing to do. I think the timing of the lectures and sessions could have been planned better.

Good meeting. I have attended for many years

Wish we could get backpack option instead of smaller and smaller bags

I think in general somehow the food quality and availability should be improved. Continental breakfast should be served everyday by the committee, it should not be dependent on the exhibitors only and if it is then ASC should keep an eye on the availability of food. The breakfast should be served for extended period of time and in more quantity. What my experience was that by the time I get there food is done and finished except Coffee/Tea

Great meeting

More participation of cytotechnologist should be encouraged, better price?

The meeting in Baltimore was excellent. The hotel accommodations were great and within easy walking distance to many attractions/restaurants. The only negative was the very slow service in the only hotel restaurant.

Truly enjoyed venue and discussions

This is my favorite pathology meeting because it is more intimate and friendly than the others.

I wish we could host it in New York too.

The entire meeting was well thought out and well run. Thanks.

Every Scientific Session, Workshop, Video Microscopy Tutorial, Roundtable Discussion, Panel Luncheon etc should have a detailed handout that is followed during the presentation.

Always well organized with pertinent topics. The office staff is very friendly and always helpful.

One "art" session would have been sufficient.

This was a really good venue. The meeting rooms and overall facilities were excellent.

Very well organized.

More fun!

Multiple workshops held in one acoustically bright room challenged the hearing of everyone.

Another wonderful meeting-thank you!

I had a great time. Excellent meeting.

The staff was terrific.

Good meeting.

It is unfortunate that most cytotechnologists do not get an opportunity to attend and participate in the annual
meetings. Wish more employers would enable their CT's to attend.

- The presentations (two sessions) of Art in Medicine while entertaining did not offer much substance. As we were only able to attend over the weekend I felt this was time wasted. Maybe if they had been combined into one session. The elephant (HPV testing without Cytology) in the room would have been a better topic to be discussing.

- In this society, we have a group of cytopathologists who has great background of scientific research background and molecular biology basis, I feel we have not put enough efforts to maximize their roles in the society and take advantage of their knowledge in sharing and educating others. Molecular cytopathology has been implemented in a few large hospitals now. But there is no such an identity in the society committee yet. We may want to consider such an committee to help produce some guidelines for future molecular tests in cytology, organize seminars in molecular cytopathology from R&D to translational studies, from validation to clinical implementation. I truly believe molecular cytopathology should be running by cytopathologists and cytotechnologists who understand cytologic practice as well as with strong molecular biology basis.

- This meeting was full of great lectures. I really enjoyed Bill Crabtree's presentation and the incorporation of art and pathology. I also really enjoyed the lecture provided that gave a quick way to read ultrasounds.

- Too expensive, I can only afford the general registration.

- well done

- None

- Come back to Baltimore. What a great meeting!

- I would have liked to have been able to attend a round table lunch or another work shop but everything is just too expensive. Is there anyway to keep the price down?

- The quality of the meeting is better than it used to be.

- Well organized- as always The ASC staff was extremely helpful and very cordial

- Hotel housekeeping was a problem for my room mate and I. We had to repeatedly call for toilet paper, towels, cups, etc Not the best meeting hotel service that I've experienced

- The morning food was rather sparse and difficult to locate. Also in other meetings there was food for breaks.

- It's a great place to keep up with the profession and see old friends.

- This year was great.

- We miss the dancing.

- The meeting itself was overall good, but the location was less than desirable.

- Staff are wonderful. Awesome Job!!

- very well organized and run

Are you planning on attending next year's Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas?

- Yes: 193 (51.3%)
- No: 63 (16.8%)
- Unsure: 120 (31.9%)