Welcome back to the ASC Cytopathology Program Directors Communicator. This issue is focused on the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting, November 10-13 in sunny Phoenix. We highlight the Strategies in Cytopathology Education session, feature sessions of interest to Program Directors at the ASC meeting, and lastly, remind you about the upcoming Cell Talks submission deadline.

Attend the Strategies in Cytopathology Education session at the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting

Roseann Wu, MD, MPH, Chris Jensen, MD, Christina Kong, MD, Paul Staats, MD

The Strategies in Cytopathology Education is the session organized by Program Directors for Program Directors. Always a highlight of the Annual Scientific Meeting for Fellowship Directors, this year’s session features a lineup of dynamic and informative presenters. This session will be useful for all program faculty, so encourage your colleagues to attend!

Remember that the Strategies in Cytopathology Education Session is now free with Meeting Registration, but please pre-register to ensure your place in the session. Last year’s session was filled to capacity, so register now and don’t miss out!

Strategies in Cytopathology Education
Friday, November 10, 2017
Session 1 (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)
Communication, Conflict Resolution, and Feedback
Heather Barnes, MA

Strong interpersonal skills are essential for a successful career. However, Milestones focusing on interpersonal skills can be challenging to teach, especially since each person comes from such different backgrounds and with a wide range of prior experiences. Heather Barnes, Director of Guest Experiences at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, will give a 2-hour session focusing on interactive methods for teaching fellows how to effectively communicate, resolve conflict, and provide feedback.

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Session 2 (3:30 pm – 5:30 pm)
Accreditation, Milestones, and Physician Wellness
Cheryl Gross, MA, CAE
James S. Hernandez, MD, MS

Cheryl Gross from the ACGME will review recent changes in Cytopathology Fellowship specialty specific requirements as well as Common Program Requirements. She will also provide up to date information about the annual review process as well as the self–study process.

From resident work hour restrictions to organizational wellness initiatives, there is heightened recognition that physician burnout is a complex issue with no simple solutions. Dr. Hernandez, Medical Director and Chair of the Division of Laboratory Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Arizona and an Associate Professor of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, will discuss the effects of physician burnout and some of the successful measures that could be implemented to help alleviate the problem.

ASC Meeting at a Glance for Program Directors
Paul Staats, MD and Roseann Wu, MD, MPH

The ASC Annual Scientific Meeting is just around the corner. The meeting is always a busy and exciting event, with many competing opportunities from which to choose. We have put together a list of sessions that may be of particular interest to cytopathology program directors. We focused on sessions not primarily devoted to diagnostic practice but also targeted at other areas that may be useful to you as a program director in providing broad training to your fellows. This list is by no means intended to be complete, and we encourage you to visit the Meeting Website (http://cytopathologymeeting.org/2017/) to review the full list of programs offered. Note that items marked with a “$” require an additional registration fee; all others are included in general meeting registration. We look forward to seeing you in beautiful Phoenix!

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ASC Meeting at a Glance for Program Directors

Friday, November 10
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Non-Microscopic Workshop 1 $
Decision Making Process Models to Improve Accuracy in Diagnostic Cytopathology
Luis E. De Las Casas, MD

1:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Strategies in Cytopathology Education
Heather Barnes, Cheryl Gross, MA, CAE, James S. Hernandez, MD, MS
The cornerstone of the Cytopathology Fellowship Program Director’s ASC Annual Meeting experience. Free to attend, but registration is required. Check out the separate article on page 1 for more details!

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Disparities in Healthcare
Moderator: Matthew A. Zarka, MD
Panelists: Nancy E. Joste, MD, Eric J. Suba, MD
The panel will address and discuss the disparities in healthcare access and patient outcome associated with such factors as race, gender and economic status, and the local and global initiatives and strategies for optimizing healthcare in increasingly diverse populations.

Saturday, November 11
9:00 am – 10:00 am
The Psychology of Resilience
Timothy J. Bono, PhD
Dr. Timothy J. Bono received his BA and PhD in psychology from Washington University in St. Louis where he is currently a lecturer in the Department of Psychology and Brain Sciences. Tim’s teaching and research focus on positive psychology and college student development. He is the recipient of the Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence at Washington University, as well as the outstanding Research Award from the National Association for Orientation Transition, and Retention in Higher Education. His research and ideas have been featured in a number of media outlets including Fast Company, CNN, and the Associated Press.

10:00 am – 11:45 am
Roundtable Discussions $
1. Can You Correctly Code Cytopathology Cases? $
   Carol A. Filomena, MD

2. Cytopathology Laboratory Design Using LEAN Concept: Growing from an On Site Tertiary Laboratory to a Consolidated High Volume Core Laboratory $
   Maruf Chowdhury, BS, SCT(ASCP), CMIAC

3. Advancing Leadership Skills to Facilitate Effective Change in Cytology $
   Deborah A. Hillsdon-Smith, MBA, LSBB, SCT(ASCP)

4. How Do You Measure and Promote Engagement? Experiences from One Institution and a Discussion on Initiatives $
   Karen Chau, BS, CT(ASCP)

5. Why You Should Consider Incorporating Ultrasound into Your FNA Clinic Service $
   Susan D. Rollins, MD, FCAP, FIAC

10. Management of FNA ROSA Services at Multi-centered Health System: Strategies for Coordination, Coverage and Staff Justification $
    Melissa Klein, BS, CT(ASCP)

11. Combining Recent Medical Technology Advances and Rapid On Site Evaluation to Optimize Patient Centered Practice $
    Gabriela M. Oprea-Ilie, MD, Eric L. Flenaugh, MD

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ASC Meeting at a Glance for Program Directors (continued)

Saturday, November 11 (continued)

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm  Panel Luncheon Seminar 1 $
Enhancing Your Image: Newer Tools and Concepts to Work with Electronic Images
Daniel F. I. Kurtycz, MD, George G. Birdsong, MD

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Current Issues in Cytology: Rapid On-Site Evaluation (ROSE) - Live! In Action!
Moderator: Ronald Balassanian, MD
Panel: Maria Ella Lim, CT(ASCP), Anjali N. Saqi, MD, MBA, Kristi N. Perez, BS, CT(ASCP), Christina S. Kong, MD, Poonam Vohra, MD, Iris Juan, BSc, CT(ASCP), Aparna M. Mahajan, MD, Emily Leibold, CT(ASCP), Amy Ly, MD, SCT(ASCP), Lisa Ring, SCT(ASCP)CM, MBCM, HTLCM
“Rose, in action! Live!” will be a dynamic presentation using 5 teams of cytotechnologists and cytopathologists reviewing real cases. There will be audience participation along each step of the way. Using live-action telepathology, each cytotechnologist on the panel will present challenging cases and discuss the work-up for Rapid On-Site Evaluation. After an audience vote, the Cytopathologist will discuss the case and how the final diagnosis was determined. The audience will be consulted on the diagnosis as well. Rather than focus on specific rare diagnoses, we want to engage everyone in the ROSE process and create a dialogue around best practices for different situations.

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  Non-Microscopic Mini Workshop 3 $
Whole Slide Imaging in Cytopathology: Current Applications and Future Directions
Zaibo Li, MD, PhD

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  Cytology Shark Tank
Moderator: Liron Pantanowitz, MD
Sharks: Douglas P. Clark, MD, Martha B. Pitman, MD, Celeste N. Powers, MD, PhD, David L. Rimm, MD
Watch as three worthy finalists give a three-minute pitch to a pesky panel of tough judges. Who will the “Sharks” deem worthy of a $50,000 research grant?

Sunday, November 12

7:30 am – 9:00 am  Non-Microscopic Workshop 7 $
Conflict Resolution for Cytopathologists and Cytotechnologists
Deborah J. Chute, MD, Christine N. Booth, MD

8:30 am – 10:00 am  Ultrasound FNA Course $
Ronald Balassanian, MD, Anna Berry, MD, Amy Ly, MD, David Lieu, MD, MBA, RDMS, Susan D. Rollins, MD, FCAP, FIAC, Arminieke Van Zante, MD, PhD, Poonam Vohra, MD

10:30 am – 11:00 am  The Evolution of Cytopathology Practice: Where to From Here?
A Presentation by ASC/ASCP Workgroup: Focusing on Emerging Roles in Cytopathology
Workgroup Facilitators: Kalyani Naik, MS, SCT(ASCP), A. Janie Roberson, BS, SCT(ASCP)CMIC, Maria A. Friedlander, MPA, CT(ASCP)CMIC, Sandra N. Giroux, MS, SCT(ASCP)CFLAC Amber D. Donnelly, PhD, MPH, SCT(ASCP)
Workgroup Advisors: Amy Wendel Spiczka, MS, SCT, MP, HTL, Lynnette Savaloja Pineault, MBA, SCT(ASCP)
This session will provide an overview of the Workgroup and an update on the activities and accomplishments of the Workgroup over the past year, including a summary of the data collected since the inception of the Workgroup and what it means to our practice and educational initiatives that have been developed to support currently practicing cytotechnologists.

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ASC Meeting at a Glance for Program Directors (continued)

Sunday, November 12 (continued)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Non-Microscopic Workshop 10 $ The Role of the Cytopathologist in the Measurement of Circulating Tumor Cells (CTCs) Using the CellSearch System and Review of New Technologies Malini Harigopal, MD, Alarice C. Lowe, MD

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Leopold Koss Lecture: “Liquid Biopsy” - Measuring Serum Levels of Circulating Tumor Cells Maximilian Diehn, MD, PhD

Dr. Diehn’s laboratory focuses on two main areas: 1) cancer stem cell biology and its implications for therapy and 2) development of genomics-based biomarkers for identifying the presence of malignant cells (diagnostic), predicting outcome (prognostic), and predicting response to therapy (predictive). Areas of study include cancers of the lung, breast, and gastrointestinal system. They are also interested in developing a deeper molecular understanding of normal and cancer stem cells, including identifying pathways and genes important for survival and self-renewal. Additionally, they are developing methods for overcoming resistance mechanisms to radiotherapy and chemotherapy in cancer stem cells.

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm Panel Luncheon Seminar 4 $ Cancer Screening, Current Concepts for Everyone, an LGBT Focus Charles D. Sturgis, MD, Josephine Dermawan, MD, PhD

Monday, November 13

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Journal of ASC Hot Topics Dina R. Mody, MD, Liron Pantanowitz, MD

This interactive session is dedicated to current topics related to the Journal of the American Society of Cytopathology (JASC). Honors, journal accomplishments, and pertinent business activities will be briefly covered. Three recently published articles will be selected that cover GYN, Non-GYN and emerging ancillary testing topics in cytopathology. The lead author from each article will succinctly present their paper and answer questions from the moderator and audience about their work.

Drs. Roxanne Florence, Matthew Rosenbaum, Jennifer Sauter, Roseann Wu and Paul Staats

New Cell Talks Deadline is December 5, 2017

The ASC Cytopathology Program Directors’ Committee has announced December 5, 2017 as the deadline for submission for the next round of Cell Talks. Encourage your new fellows (and residents interested in cytology) to submit a Cell Talk. It is a great way to learn more about a cytology topic and win a cash prize! If you aren’t using Cell Talks in fellowship training, visit the website and check them out. New Cell Talks are posted regularly.
Have you heard about Cell Talks?

- Cell Talks were developed by the Cytopathology Program Directors Committee (CPDC) of the ASC to aid residents and cytopathology fellows achieve and document progress through selected ACGME Cytopathology Milestones.
- Completion of these modules can help program directors and clinical competency committee members decide at which level a resident or fellow should be scored on individual milestones.

What exactly are Cell Talks?

- Bite-sized, online didactic modules approximately 15 minutes in length.
- Cover a variety of topics that go beyond medical knowledge and are difficult to teach and learn at the microscope, related to professionalism, cultural competency, cytopathology lab management, etc.
- Directly links the subject matter to a specific portion of a milestone(s).
- Can be used to complement or supplement an existing cytopathology curriculum.
- Each Cell Talk is followed by 3-5 review questions.

How can I get involved?

- Encourage a resident or fellow (along with a faculty mentor) to submit a Cell Talk!
- The submission process including suggested topics and a template to use is available at www.cytopathology.org/celltalks.
- The CPDC provides feedback on submitted presentations and chooses the winners twice a year.
- Applications are due in early December and early May.
- Winners receive production support for recording their Cell Talk and a $125 monetary award.

What else should I know?

- Access to previously recorded Cell Talks is free to ASC members!
- The CPDC welcomes feedback on the Cell Talks program.
- Crafting a submission may fulfill scholarly activity requirements.
- 17 Cell Talks are now available online. See the complete list in the sidebar on pages 4 and 5.

When is the next submission deadline again?

- December 5, 2017. Have your trainees submit a Cell Talk application soon!

Cell Talks Have Moved to the CytoCE Center

The CytoCE Center is an exciting new tool to access Cell Talks and other educational activities. A variety of course topics and formats are searchable via the CytoCE Center Course Catalog and are available to both members and non-members.