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FEBRUARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

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

"The Role of the Surgical Pathologist in Evaluation and Management of Germ Cell Tumors of the Testis"

Mahul B. Amin, MD

Chairman, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine,
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAM:

1. Understand the clinical rationale and relevance of the histologic classification of testicular tumors.
2. Identify the importance of histologic features of testicular tumors that matter in clinical decision making.
3. Analyze the prognostic parameters in testicular tumors ascertained by pathologic analysis of the orchiectomy specimen.

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Dear Readers,

The Annual All-Day program at City of Hope earlier this month was excellent. As usual, we had a strong turnout and the feedback received so far has been positive. We want to thank our Administrator, Rossana Desrochers, for an exceptional job in organizing this event for the second year in a row. The All-Day Program continues to improve under her guidance. Congratulations, Rossana, on a job well done!

We would also like to thank our guest speakers, John Goldblum, MD (Cleveland Clinic), Carrie Inwards, MD (Mayo Clinic) and Leann Seeger, MD (UCLA) for their engaging presentations.

One of the highlights of the January program is the presentation of the LASOP Lifetime Achievement Award. The sole recipient for 2011 was Dr. Samuel French, renowned liver pathologist, and current Chief of Anatomic Pathology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The award was presented to Dr. French by Dr. Najeeb Alshak, Treasurer of the Society, and fellow liver pathologist. In his brief acceptance speech, Dr. French thanked his wife, the Society, and the supporters behind this award, for which he was honored and humbled to have been selected. Dr. Jerry Chu, now Past President, was also presented with an award plaque by our new President, David Cassarino, in recognition of his outstanding leadership over the Society.

Next month, on February 8th, we welcome Dr. Mahul B. Amin, Chairman of the department at Cedars-Sinai, for a discussion of germ cell tumors of the testis. As always, we invite all of you to join us for what is certain to be a comprehensive, detailed, and inspiring presentation by an international expert in genitourinary pathology.

Please mark your calendars and join us on the 8th. We look forward to seeing you soon!

-Board of Directors



Top: Dr. Samuel French gave a brief acceptance speech after receiving the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Dr. Najeeb Alshak. Bottom: Dr. French poses with his wife, Barbara, his Assistant, Adriana Flores, and one of his senior residents, Fernando Antelo, after the award.

All-Day Program Fast Facts

Number in Attendance: 91

Exhibitors: 16

Institutions Represented:

California Hospital, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Century City Doctor's Hospital, Citrus Pathology Medical Group, City of Hope National Med Ctr., Coastal Communities Hospital, Harbor-UCLA, Hollywood Presbyterian Med Ctr., Huntington Hospital, LAC+USC Medical Center, Lakewood Regional Med Ctr., Lancaster Community Hospital, Little Company of Mary, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, MLK-Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center, Northridge Hospital, Quest Diagnostics, St. Jude Medical Center, St. Mary's Medical Center, Southern California Permanente Medical Group, UCI, UCLA, US Labs, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

Special Thanks to Our Exhibitors

- **Clariant, Inc.**
- **Leica Microsystems**
- **Ventana Medical Systems**
- **Labsco**
- **USC Slide Retrieval Program**
- **Neogenomics Laboratories**
- **APS Medical Billing**
- **Elsevier**
- **PathLogic**
- **PSA, LLC**
- **Olympus American, Inc.**
- **Lippincott Williams and Wilkins**
- **CBLPath, Inc.**
- **Arista Laboratories**
- **Cedars-Sinai Pathology Services**
- **Voicebrook, Inc.**

“Thank You” from one of our Exhibitors

Dear Ms. Desrochers,

I wanted to thank you and the Society for making a change in the layout this year.

Being in the same room with the attendees made a huge difference for me--both visual and traffic. I believe this has been the best meeting I've had with the LASOP.

Once again, I thank you, and look forward to next year's event!

Gerrick Gonzales

Regional Director of Business
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Meet the Next Speaker

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CURRICULUM VITAE HIGHLIGHTS

Specialty

Genitourinary Pathology

Publications

- Over 170 articles in peer-reviewed journals
- In excess of 25 book chapters
- Co-authored six books and the two AFIP fascicles covering GU pathology

Committee Positions

- Chairman, Cancer Committee of the CAP
- Prostate Cancer Pathology Committee of the NCI
- Commission on Cancer of Urologic Disease of the American College of Surgeons
- Co-chair of the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group trial for prostate cancer
- Founding member of the American Joint Committee on Cancer

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Fellowship

- Surgical Pathology, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas

Residency

- Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan

Internship and Medical Education

- Medical College and King Edward Memorial Hospital, Bombay, India

Future Educational Programs: 2011

March 8

Lawrence Weiss, MD

April 12

Slide Seminar: Kaiser
Permanente

May 10

Resident/Fellow Symposium

June 14

Slide Seminar: Loma Linda

September 13

William Travis, MD

October 11

Slide Seminar: USC

November 8

TBD

December 13

George Kypridakis Annual Buffet
Dinner & Lecture

Membership Information

There are no new members at this time.

Applications submitted in December and January are reviewed at the February Board meeting, when the Board reconvenes after the winter hiatus.

Membership applications are available at:
<http://www.lasop.org/pgs/application.htm>

Coroner's Corner

Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner:
Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, MD

Chief of Forensic Medicine:
Christopher B. Rogers, MD

Director:
Anthony T. Hernandez

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Los Angeles, CA 90033

Contact/visit us at: 323.343.0522
http://coroner.co.la.ca.us/htm/Coroner_Home.htm

Local Grand Rounds Schedule

- **Cedars-Sinai:** <http://www.csmc.edu/15007.html>
- **Harbor-UCLA:** <http://www.harbor-ucla.org/pathology/ResidentConferences.php>
- **LLU:** <http://lomalindahealth.org/medical-center/our-services/pathology/>
- **UC Irvine:** <http://www.healthaffairs.uci.edu/som/pathology/residencyProgram.html>
- **UCLA:** <http://www.imedseminar.com/>
- **USC:** <http://www.usc.edu/schools/medicine/departments/pathology/calendar/index.html>

Regional Educational Opportunities



Jack Gordon, MD

PATHOLOGY *Symposium*

Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel

1717 South Disneyland Drive
Anaheim, California 92802

(714)999-0990

REGISTRATION

On-line:

Registrations and payments for all conferences are now handled at our Internet Web site.

Register online at: kpsymposia.com

After January 19th, registration will be automatically processed at the additional fee until Sunday, January 23rd, 2011, at 9:00 pm PST, when online registration closes.

Cancellation/Refunds:

Note: No refunds will be issued after January 19th.

Meals:

Meals are included for paid registrations only.

Registration Fees: After January 19, 2011

Physician	\$140
Non-physician	\$120
Resident/Fellow	\$25

Note: On-site registration fees are increased, above the base fee, by \$25 .

Program Agenda – Saturday, January 29, 2011

7:15 a.m.	Registration, Exhibits and Continental Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions <i>Gary A. Gochman, MD</i>
8:30 a.m.	Clinical Utility of Molecular Biomarkers for Refined Diagnosis of Cervical Intraepithelial Lesions <i>Brigitte M. Ronnett, MD</i>
9:30 a.m.	Clinical Utility of Molecular Biomarkers for Refined Diagnosis of Uterine Adenocarcinomas: Distinction of Endometrial and Endocervical Adenocarcinomas and Subtyping of Endometrial Adenocarcinomas <i>Brigitte M. Ronnett, MD</i>
10:30 a.m.	Break and Exhibits
11:00 a.m.	Hydatidiform Moles: Ancillary Techniques to Refine Diagnosis <i>Brigitte M. Ronnett, MD</i>
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Update on AJCC Staging of Lung Cancer <i>Kirk D. Jones, MD</i>
2:00 p.m.	Adenocarcinoma versus Squamous Carcinoma of the Lung - Treatment Decisions, Molecular Markers with Personalized Therapy <i>Kirk D. Jones, MD</i>
3:00 p.m.	Break and Exhibits
3:15 p.m.	Pattern Based Approach to Surgical Lung Biopsy Interpretation <i>Kirk D. Jones, MD</i>
4:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Adjournment <i>Gary A. Gochman, MD</i>

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of the symposium, the participant should be able to:

- Order immunohistochemical stains and other ancillary studies appropriately for the types of lesions discussed in the presentations.
- Use defined criteria in referring cases that require outside consultative referral.
- Reduce complexity and minimize errors in reporting the staging of tumors and other reports through familiarity with changes in the AJCC staging manual, and understanding meeting the needs of the clinical team receiving the report.

Faculty:

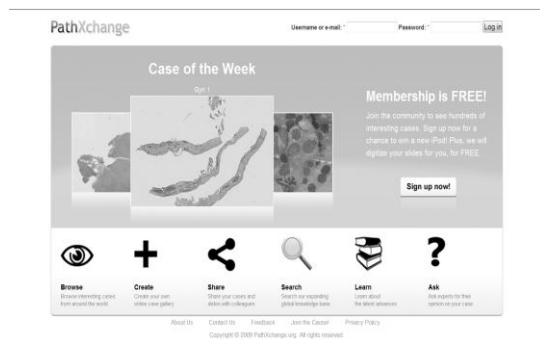
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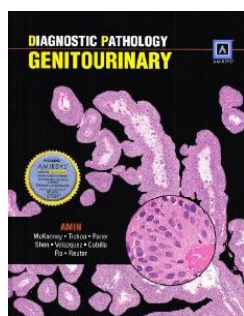
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PathXchange



- To join PathXchange, visit 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 and select "Groups." This will direct you to a page citing a long list of member groups (not in alphabetical order).
- Find "LASOP" and select "Join" on the far right under "Join Link." Good luck. We hope to see you there!

Local Literary Luminaries: A Monthly Feature of Member Authors



- **Hardback**
- **900 pages**
- **Over 3,000 photo micrographs**
- **Lippincott Williams & Wilkins**
- **1st Edition: April 1, 2010**

Diagnostic Pathology: Genitourinary Published by Amirsys® (Diagnostic Pathology Series) by Mahul B. Amin, M.D. □ Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Product Description:

Designed as an easy-to-use and comprehensive reference for the practicing pathologist, **Diagnostic Pathology™: Genitourinary** is a highly anticipated title in the **Diagnostic Pathology™** series offered by Amirsys®.

As readers have come to expect from Amirsys® reference tools, **Diagnostic Pathology™: Genitourinary** is filled with over 3,000 superior medical images, including gross and microscopic pathology, a wide range of pathology stains, and detailed medical illustrations.

For each anatomical site, you'll find CAP Cancer Staging and specimen handling protocols—one of the most useful hallmarks of the series—plus detailed immunohistochemistry panels to accompany the images. This handsome volume will guide the reader through the intricacies of genitourinary pathology and the diagnosis of genitourinary-related diseases.

ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP for 2011-12

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Valley Care / Olive View-UCLA Medical Center offers a fellowship position in Anatomic Pathology. Areas of training include surgical pathology and autopsy. The program offers excellent experience in fine needle aspiration and also opportunities for elective rotations.

Requirements: Candidates who have completed the basic requirements of AP board certification and who desire additional in-depth AP training.

Stipend: Stipend is commensurate with year of post-graduate training.

Inquiries should be directed to:

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14445 Olive View Drive
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Directions to Mosely 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 3rd Street Exit. Turn Left at Beaudry Avenue. Turn Right at 6th Street. Turn Left on Lucas. Parking Structure is on the left. OR

Take the 6th 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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