

# Los Angeles Society of Pathologists, Inc. Newsletter

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## MARCH ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

[Click here to register](#)

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting*

*Gynecology Case Review with an Emphasis on Clinical Significance;  
A discussion between a pathologist and a gynecology oncology surgeon*



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Professor

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UCLA



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Attending Pathologist, Professor

Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine  
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Objectives: The diverse case-mix will include those derived from both routine and rare practices, reflecting the presentation of cases will be clinically oriented by a pathologist and a gynecology oncology surgeon.

1. Identify tumor appearances that may result in errors in tumor typing, staging and grading and eventually changing the management
2. Adapt clinical information to improve and optimize patient care

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Dear Readers,

Our thanks go out to **Dr. Bonnie Balzer** from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for her talk last month on Diagnostic Problems in Lipomatous Pathology. It was a very insightful, informative, and timely look into an essential and evolving topic in pathology.

Our next seminar, "Gynecology Case Review with an Emphasis on Clinical Significance, A discussion between a pathologist and a gynecology oncology surgeon" will be presented on March 14, 2023, by UCLA faculty —**Drs. Sanaz Memarzadeh** and **Neda Moatamed**.

We hope you all can join us using the online LASOP format from the comfort of your home or office! [Click here to register](#) in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The seminar, as usual, will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

We are also taking applications for our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Resident/Fellow Symposium, please see page 3 for additional information. We were hoping to have a hybrid version this year but our conference center is still not open to any outside meetings.

We are sorry to see **Dr. Manju Aron**, Professor of pathology at the Keck school of medicine/USC, stepping down from the LASOP Board last month. Dr. Aron has been a LASOP board member, former president of LASOP, and a vital force for many, many years behind the LASOP governance and instrumental in organizing numerous educational activities. She will be greatly missed.

Please consider joining or renewing your memberships to the LASOP. You may do so by visiting our website at [www.lasop.org](http://www.lasop.org), and if you have any questions, please contact Shirley Jacke at [LASOPmd@gmail.com](mailto:LASOPmd@gmail.com).

And as always, we hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and in good health.

Sincerely, The Board

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Sanaz Memarzadeh, MD**  
**and**

**Neda A. Moatamed, MD**  
"Gynecology Case Review with an  
Emphasis on Clinical Significance,  
A discussion between a pathologist  
and a gynecology oncology  
surgeon"  
UCLA

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Spring Slide Seminar**  
Cedars-Sinai Faculty

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Resident/Fellow  
Symposium**  
**See information on page 3**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Summer Slide Seminar**  
City of Hope

**July & August**  
Hiatus – No meetings

**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**TBA**

**October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Fall Slide Seminar**  
Kaiser Faculty

# Annual Resident/Fellow Symposium

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, The Los Angeles Society of Pathologists, Inc. will hold our Annual Resident & Fellow Symposium. **This year a total of four submissions will be chosen for a 15 minute virtual presentation: 3 difficult/interesting case reports and 1 research related presentation.**

**1st place prize of \$500  
2nd place prize of \$300  
3rd place prize of \$200  
4<sup>th</sup> place prize of \$50**

**The deadline for submission is April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If selected, you will be contacted by May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**To submit a case, please follow the format and instructions outlined below:**

Create a PowerPoint presentation (PPT) and convert to PDF before submitting them to LASOPMD@gmail.com

Your presentation should be no longer than 15 minutes which includes 3 minutes of Q & A

Please type 'Resident & Fellow Symposium' (Case Report or Research) in the subject line of your email and be sure to include all of your contact information (including your institution) and the title for your presentation in the body of your email.

## **The PPT PDF presentation for case reports should include:**

- Your name, year of training, and program affiliation
- Pertinent patient history, labs and imaging
- Photomicrographs and microscopic description of the case
- Final diagnosis followed by discussion of the entity and differential diagnosis
- List of references.

## **The PPT pdf presentation for research should include:**

- Your name, year of training, and program affiliation
- Brief scope of research project, what question is the project trying to address?
- Description of methods
- Results, with included photos, graphs, or other data
- Discussion of results, limitations and final conclusions
- List of references

## **Additional guidelines:**

It is the responsibility of the author(s) to ensure that the identity of a patient or numbers associated with a patient are not apparent from the information contained in the presentation.

- Do not use abbreviations in the title or abstract, and limit their use in the text.
- When using acronyms, make certain the full name is spelled out on first use.
- Use International System of Units (SI units)
- Give sources (name of company and location) for all special reagents (e.g., antibodies, enzymes, probes).
- Use generic names of drugs, unless the specific trade name of a drug used is directly relevant to the discussion.
- Follow AMA style for references.
- Reference any web page used for images or data.

## **Voting Criteria:**

Please take a moment and review the criteria that the board will be looking for when voting on your presentations

- Originality
- Is the presentation well-organized, informative and succinct?
- Are the pictures/diagrams presented pertinent and informative?
- Is this information helpful/applicable for a pathologist in general practice?
- If specialty testing is suggested or required, is it readily available and affordable?
- Are differential diagnoses discussed (i.e., top differential diag and the key distinguishing features discussed?)
- Are diagnostic implications discussed? (i.e., how does diagnosis affect patient management?)
- Is the presentation of appropriate length (i.e., able to be presented in 15 minutes)



## Surgical Pathologist

### Los Angeles area

A dynamic private group in Los Angeles metropolitan area is looking for a full-time surgical pathologist to join our hospital based practice in early 2023. This is a partnership track position. Subspecialty hematopathology fellowship training is preferred. California license is required. Compensation will be commensurate with training and practice experience.

**If interested, please email your CV to Christine at [christine.mdpractices@yahoo.com](mailto:christine.mdpractices@yahoo.com)**

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### ***City of Hope National Medical Center- ACGME Hematopathology Fellowship Program***

#### ***Opening for 2023-2024***

**Program Overview:** The Hematopathology Fellowship Program at City of Hope is designed for fellows interested in an immersive hematopathology experience suitable for academic careers or community practice. Supporting one of the largest bone marrow transplantation programs in the United States, and enjoying very active clinical and consultation services, the program evaluates more than 3,000 diagnostic specimens involving peripheral blood, bone marrow, lymph nodes and extranodal biopsies each year.

The first fellowship year is ACGME accredited and focuses on diagnostic hematopathology. Fellows are paired on clinical diagnostic services with one of over eight hematopathology attending faculty. Didactic lectures, slide seminars, patient care conferences, bimonthly research meetings and a journal club round out the educational experience. During the second year, fellows focus on their research projects and participate as instructors with opportunities for independent hematopathology case sign out within the division

#### **Program Highlights:**

- Nine hematopathologists dedicated to the education of the fellows
- State-of-the-art-facilities with in-house immunohistochemistry, molecular and next generation sequencing
- Daily consensus conferences and weekly didactics by faculty
- 3,000 diagnostic specimens, including peripheral blood, bone marrow, flow cytometry and lymph nodes
- Two-year fellowship (1st year ACGME accredited, 2nd year research focus)
- Emphasis on scholarly activities, publications and participation in research

#### **Salary and Benefits:**

Pay is commensurate with level of training  
Medical, dental, disability, & life insurance  
20 days of vacation/sick pay  
Book/study materials fund

**Program Director:** Karl Gaal, M.D.

**Applications:** Please visit our website for a complete checklist and more information

[CityofHope.org/hematopathology-fellowship](http://CityofHope.org/hematopathology-fellowship)

All materials and inquiries should be addressed to the program coordinator:

#### **Ofelia Kiedpool**

Training Program Administrator  
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#### **Requirements**

Candidates must be in good standing in an ACGME accredited program in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, (or equivalent program in Canada recognized by American Board of Pathology) and be eligible for Pathology Boards and a California medical license upon completion of residency training.

## Membership Information

The following new memberships were approved during the last board meeting:

- Parunyan, Masis – USC/LAC+USC – Junior Membership
- Crabtree, Matthew – UCLA – Junior Membership
- Karo, Ammar – LAC+USC – Junior Membership
- Pukhalskaya, Tatsiana – UCSF – Junior Membership
- Aye, Le – PIH Pathology Whittier – Active Membership
- Azimpouran, Mahzad – Cedars-Sinai – Junior Membership

Membership applications are received on a continual basis and are reviewed at the next monthly Board Meeting.

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



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## Coroner's Corner

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## Local Grand Rounds Schedule

- **Cedars-Sinai Medical Center**  
<https://www.cedars-sinai.edu/education/continuing-medical.html>
- **City of Hope**  
<https://cme.cityofhope.org/>
- **Harbor-UCLA**  
<https://www.harbor-ucla.org/internal-medicine/monthly-conference-schedule/>
- **Loma Linda University**  
<https://medicine.llu.edu/faculty/continuing-medical-education/continuing-medical-education-upcoming-courses>
- **UC Irvine**  
<http://www.healthaffairs.uci.edu/som/pathology/residencyProgram.html>
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<https://www.cme.ucla.edu/pages/index>
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