

Report to Intersociety Pathology Council
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- 1. ACLPS Annual Meeting(s):** The ACLPS Annual Meeting will be hosted June 1-3 2006 by the University of Chicago. In addition to Friday morning Young Investigator simultaneous sessions, speakers will discuss micro and siRNA, systems biology approaches to host-pathogen interactions and proteomics. Dr. David Ginsburg, an internationally-known scientist in the field of coagulation genomics from the University of Michigan, will accept the Academy's Ernest Cotlove Award for academic recognition. Education in laboratory medicine will be discussed Saturday morning (#2 & #3 below also). The Gerald T. Evans Award for service (always a 'secret' until the meeting) will be conferred at the Friday banquet; last year's honoree was Steven Spitalnik (Columbia University). The meeting will be at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, in proximity to many local attractions. The 2007 ACLPS annual meeting will be hosted by the University of California, San Diego in early June.
- 2. CP Competency-based Curriculum:** ACLPS working groups in each of the major disciplines of laboratory medicine, under the oversight of Brian Smith (Yale University), completed a competency-based curriculum outline [Curriculum Content and Evaluation of Resident Competency in Clinical Pathology (Laboratory Medicine): A proposal] directed at resident training to complement the Anatomic Pathology curriculum published by the Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology in 2003. A manuscript will be jointly published in 2006 in the Pathology Patterns supplement to the Society's co-sponsored journal (American Journal of Clinical Pathology), in an education supplement to Human Pathology, and in Clinical Chemistry. Sub-portions may or may not be published in individual subspecialty journals; some disciplines may expand the curriculum to include fellow education and then publish in conjunction with the resident portion.

The curriculum is designed to fit within current American Board of Pathology guidelines of 18 (minimum) to 24 (more comfortable) months of clinical pathology training. Preliminary discussions are being held with ADASP about how to reconcile AP and CP curricula within the current 48 months of AP/CP training, and a 'contrary' proposal for integrated pathology training will be presented during the educational session of the ACLPS annual meeting in Chicago.
- 3. CP competency assessment examinations:** ACLPS, co-sponsor of the American Journal of Clinical Pathology for many years, continues to provide members to work actively with ASCP Resource Councils to assist with item writing for the annual Resident Inservice Examination (RISE). Almost 400 potential questions have been submitted; the level of activity varies among Resource Councils. CP performance on the RISE and ABP exams will be discussed during the education session of the ACLPS Annual meeting in Chicago.