

Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology (ADASP)

Activities in brief, 2006.

ADASP has been busy on multiple fronts throughout 2006. The annual meeting of the membership in Atlanta concerned residency education and the perception of pathology as a subspecialty by peers and lay persons (see attachment A). As usual, the annual meeting was well attended and received.

ADASP has been active as a participating organization in many multi organizational venues. Specifically (and not inclusive of all activities):

1. The American Board of Pathology (ABP) held its participating society meeting in the spring to discuss the early versions of maintenance of certification (MOC) and recertification for new residency graduates with time limited certificates as well as pathologists holding time unrestricted certification. As a result of this meeting, the ABP has enlisted representatives from ADASP to join an ad hoc committee to assist in the formulation of examination questions and self assessment modules for MOC and recertification.
2. The College of American Pathologists has continued to work with ADASP on several committees ranging from governmental affairs to residency training. The latter has resulted in the organization of a new subcommittee to address residency training (so named the Graduate Medical Education Committee, GMEC). ADASP is represented by its current President (CN Otis). A major on going initiative involves the multiorganizational group- The Future of Pathology (FoP). A white paper is in preparation representing the opinions and insights from the participating societies.

The practice guidelines and checklists for reporting tumors of major organ systems continue to be updated. Practice guidelines and checklists for Colorectal Carcinoma, Mesothelioma, and Fallopian tube have been completed (published in the American Journal of Clinical Pathology, Human Pathology, and Virchow's Archives). The Prostate and Gastric guidelines and checklist are currently in final draft from to be submitted for publication. As this process goes forward, a compendium of guidelines and checklists will be published as a benchmark representing the work of experts in all the respective major tumor types.

In addition to practice guidelines and checklists, ADASP has published position papers on Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement in Anatomic Pathology, Critical Values in Anatomic Pathology, and Pathology Assistants in Anatomic Pathology. (Each included as an email attachment to this document). These are timely and important papers on difficult subjects.

The ADASP website continues to expand its scope to include the above activities and may be found at <http://www.adasp.org>

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Attachment A
Agenda of ADASP annual meeting

11 February 2006 Meeting
Cairo Room
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia

0730-0800	Continental Breakfast	
	Educating others about Pathologists/ Pathology.	
0800-0805	Introduction and Welcome	Dr. Fletcher
0805-0835	Perceptions of pathologists by others.	Dr. Fletcher
0835-0905	Patient's perceptions of pathologists.	
	Judi Hirshfield-Bartek, R.N., MS, O.C.N.	
0905-0920	Discussion	
	How do we educate medical students in pathology?	
0920-1000	Overview	Dr. Aretz
1000-1010	What is pathology?	Dr. Wick
1010-1025	Experience from a second year course.	Dr. Simpson
1025-1055	Discussion/Break	Membership
1055-1115	How do we educate other physicians about pathology?	
		Dr. Compton
1115-1135	How we (<i>can we?</i>) educate administrators about pathology?	
		Dr. Myers
1135-1200	Discussion	Membership
1200-1330	Lunch: Montreal/ Vancouver Rooms	
	Resident Education	
1330-1410	Are RRC requirements Appropriate?	Yes: Dr. Grimes No: Dr. Otis
1410-1435	How do we provide graduated responsibility?	Dr. Pfeiffer
1435-1500	Is slide preview important or realistic?	Dr. Lamps
1500-1525	Resident work hours: issues and solutions.	Dr. Winters
1525- 1550	DISCUSSION	
1550- 1610	BREAK	
1610- 1635	How do we best teach lab administration/ management?	
		Dr. Wagar
1635-1700	The problem of the failing resident.	Dr. Simpson
1700-1720	Discussion	Membership
1720-1730	Business Meeting	Dr. Fletcher
1730-1930	Reception	
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