



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CYTOPATHOLOGY

## Highlights for 2006

- In May, the ASC Executive Board approved the ASC Business Plan which will provide a framework for programmatic, operational and financial decision-making that integrates with the Society's Strategic Plan.
- During the April Board Meeting, the Position Statement regarding *Primary Screening of Pap Test Gynecologic Cytology Specimens by Pathologists* was approved by the ASC Executive Board.

***“The ASC recommends that cytology laboratories utilize cytotechnologists for all manual primary screening of Pap tests.*”**

The vast majority of gynecologic cytology Pap test specimens in the United States are initially screened by cytotechnologists and data supports the value of the cytotechnologists' role. Most pathology residency training programs and cytopathology fellowships do not include specific training and evaluation in primary screening of Pap tests that is as extensive as that provided in the formal training given in schools of cytotechnology. However, in certain unusual or emergency circumstances the primary screening of Pap tests may be done by a pathologist.”

*(approved by the ASC Executive Board April 24, 2006.)*

- A Task Force has been created to determine the feasibility of developing a new profession for cytotechnologists. The new profession or career path would utilize cytotechnologists' specialized training in cytopathology morphology and build on their basic knowledge of ancillary testing and techniques to further assist pathologists with the interpretation and diagnosis of patient samples.
- To date, the ASC Foundation has received over \$500,000 to support programs in education, advocacy and research. These include corporate contributions of \$124,500. In 2006, \$30,000 will be allocated for the Cytopathology Research Seed Award, \$10,000 will be allocated for the Cytotechnology Scholarships and \$2,000 will be allocated for the ASC Advocacy Grant.
- The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting will be held at the Hilton Americas in Houston, Texas, November 2 – 7, 2007.
- The ASC will again offer the Cytoteleconference Series starting in April 2007. On the back of this report is the 2007-08 line-up of speakers.

**April 24, 2006**

**Genitourinary Cytopathology**

Guliz A. Barkan, M.D.  
Loyola University Medical Center

**May 22, 2007**

**Mesothelioma**

Armando C. Filie, M.D.  
National Institute of Health/National Cancer  
Institute

**June 26, 2007**

**Lymphoproliferative Lesions**

Nancy A. Young, M.D.  
Fox Chase Cancer Center

**July 24, 2007**

**Validation of Molecular Testing**

Lynnette C. Savalaja, SCT(ASCP)  
Regions Hospital

**August 28, 2007**

**Pancreatic Cytopathology: The Good, the  
Bad and the Ugly**

Syed Z. Ali, M.D.  
The Johns Hopkins Hospital

**September 25, 2007**

**Cytopathology of Glandular Lesions of  
the Cervix**

Donna K. Russell, M.S., CT(ASCP)CMIAC  
University of Rochester Medical Center

**October 24, 2007**

**Cytology of Soft Tissue Tumors**

Leslie G. Dodd, M.D.  
Duke University Medical Center

**November 27, 2007**

**Hyperchromatic Crowded Nuclei**

Momin T. Siddiqui, M.D.  
Aziza Nassar, M.D.  
Emory University Hospital

**December 11, 2007**

**Salivary Gland Fine Needle Aspiration**

Jeffrey F. Krane, M.D.  
Brigham and Women's Hospital

**January 22, 2008**

**Urine Cytology in Comparison to New  
Diagnostic Modalities in the Detection of  
Bladder Cancer**

M. Katayoon Rezaei, M.D.  
The George Washington University

**February 26, 2008**

**How to Address and Work Up Metastases**

Tarik M. Elsheikh, M.D.  
Ball Memorial Hospital

**March 25, 2008**

**Beyond the Pap Test: Evaluating  
Ancillary Studies and Patient  
Management**

Kristen A. Atkins, M.D.  
University of Virginia Health Systems