



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CYTOPATHOLOGY

- ASC activity regarding HPV Vaccination: 1) The ASC has co-authored an Op-Ed Piece with the Society of Gynecologic Oncology that was submitted to the *New York Times*, 2) a Press Release was published and distributed to over 200 news agencies defining the ASC position regarding HPV vaccination and 3) the Board has developed an HPV Vaccine Statement. These documents are all published on the ASC Website.
- The ASC has been approved by the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) for Companion Status. The initial USCAP companion meeting will be on Sunday evening, March 2, 2008 in Denver, Colorado. The ASC will also be represented at the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP) Biennial Meeting March 17-21, 2008 in Orlando, Florida.
- In 2006, appointed a Task Force to look at the feasibility of creating a new profession in cytopathology. Upon recommendations from that Task Force, the ASC Executive Board commissioned The Forbes Group to look into the matter (see synopsis as well as the entire report on www.cytopathology.org). Based on The Forbes report, Dr. Dina Mody, ASC President, appointed a "Multidisciplinary Steering Group on the Future of Cytology". The Steering Group to look beyond the ASC into the general pathology as well as medical and non-medical communities for additional members to determine a future path of cytopathology. The Steering Group will give a preliminary report and presentation at the next ASC Annual meeting to be held in Orlando in November 2008.
- The ASC Executive Board continues to advocate improvement of the current federal cytology proficiency testing (PT) criteria established in 1992 by implementing the *Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA '88)*. The ASC supports the recommended regulation changes from the CLIA PT Workgroup. The ASC has also fully supported the legislation to amend CLIA '88.
- The ASC launched a new educational initiative to aide cytopathology program directors in monitoring and ensuring competency of the cytology fellows in their programs. The Progressive Evaluation of Competency (PEC) for Cytopathology Fellows program will offer 3 online exams over the fellowship year that will track a fellow's baseline, mid-year and final level of knowledge and overall competency in cytopathology. The Progressive Evaluation of Competency (PEC) for Cytopathology Fellows program will be used to determine the strengths and areas needing improvement for Cytopathology fellows.
- The ASC Cytoteleconference Series has been expanded to include Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) for the American Board of Pathology Maintenance of Certification (MOC).
- The ASC has developed interesting case studies on the ASC Website that members can now view for CME and to fulfill the Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) for the American Board of Pathology Maintenance of Certification (MOC). The Case Study Project provides an interactive distance-learning experience to interesting cases in the field of cytopathology. Each Case will have objectives, multiple images and clinical history, along with a multiple-choice diagnosis followed by discussion, review images and references. Each completed Case may be claimed for 1 credit hour of CME when viewed online.

- The 56th Annual Scientific Meeting will be held at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel and Spa in the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida, November 7 – 11, 2008.