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The ASC, founded in 1951, is a distinguished national professional society of physicians, cytotechnologists and scientists who are dedicated to the cytologic method of screening and diagnosis of pre-invasive lesions and cancer. The ASC's diverse membership of more than 3000 physicians, cytotechnologists and scientists includes representatives from other countries who share a vision of education, research and continuous improvement in the standards and quality of patient care.

ASC Vision Statement:

Saving Lives One Cell at a Time through: Teamwork, Innovation, Education, and Advocacy.

ASC Mission Statement:

ASC promotes education, research, advocacy and professional ethics by the cytopathology team to achieve the best healthcare for individuals and communities worldwide.

ASC Leadership - The **new ASC Officers** were installed on November 15, 2015 during the ASC's 63rd Annual Business Meeting as follows, Dr. Eva Wojcik, President, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois, Dr. Edmund Cibas, President-Elect, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Barbara Crothers, Vice President, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, and Dr. Daniel Kurtycz, Secretary-Treasurer, Wisconsin Sate Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin.

The ASC Foundation

Since the inception of the Foundation in 2002, the ASC has received over \$1.8 million in contributions and given over \$800,000 in grants and scholarships. Over 40% of the contributions are received from **ASC Members!** Our Corporate Supporters have been invaluable to the Foundation since the beginning with gifts totaling over \$1.1 million. As the fund raising arm of the ASC, the Foundation provides considerable support for the Society's programs. Its endowment enhances our commitment to the ASC's missions so that the Society can meet the expectations of our membership and the public to advance health via the cytologic method. The Foundation has provided:

- Travel scholarships to over 50 cytotechnologists and 40 cytopathology fellows or pathology residents to attend the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting.



- Over \$285,000 in cytopathology research grants have been granted by the ASC Foundation to support innovative work that advances our profession and improves patient care.
- The ASC Foundation's Patient Advocacy Grant, which has enabled our members to bring their talents to benefit the underserved globally, including Peru, Haiti and India, as well as in the United States.

2016 Key Initiatives

- **ASC Strategic Plan**

Dr. Wojcik main initiative for the year will be to align the ASC Strategic Plan with the recently released Institute of Medicine report on "Improving Diagnosis in Health Care." The current report concentrates on diagnostic errors. It proposes aspirational goals of improving the diagnostic process and gives concrete recommendations for major systems and process changes. Our goal will be to keep those recommendations as guiding principles and align our new Strategic Plan accordingly. This work will be led by Dr. Michael Cohen, Professor and Vice Chair at the University of Utah who was one of 21 members of the IOM committee that created the report.

- **The Future of Cytotechnology**

- **ASC/ASCP Workgroup: Emerging Roles in Cytopathology** created in 2014 through the ASC/ASCP MOU to identify professional trends and develop concrete goals to support the Cytotechnology profession's longevity has been working tirelessly throughout the year. The ASC/ASCP Workgroup have three domains, education, practice and trending data, looking at expanding the scope and transforming the practice. The workgroup is conducting Focus Groups, creating a Delphi Study, and researching existing publications, reviews, and data in preparing for a business plan for expanding the scope.
- The Workgroup is also coordinating the *Advanced Cytopathology Education (ACE)* that will take place May 21-22, 2016 at the Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois.
- **Mid-level Pathology Profession (MLPP)** - During the past ASC Annual Scientific Meeting, the Hot Topic "Evolution or Revolution: Technologist to Practitioner – Are we Ready?" focused on the development of expanding the scope of practice for cytotechnologists. The Mid-level Pathology Profession (MLPP) proposal was discussed and feedback from the audience was received. Discussion centered on potential different paths – enhancing the current Standards and Competencies or developing an entirely new profession. The MLPP Group is researching and



considering accreditation-related issues determining the need for the MLPP before moving forward. The MLPP Group and the ASC/ASCP Workgroup are working together to develop a business plan for expanding the scope.

- **The Milan System for Reporting Salivary Gland Cytopathology** - The American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) and the International Academy of Cytology (IAC) initiated the development of a standardized terminology for reporting salivary gland cytopathology. The goal of this project is to propose an international classification scheme for reporting salivary gland (fine needle aspiration) FNA samples. The new reporting system will be based upon evidence from the literature as well as upon the experience of a multi-disciplinary group of experts involved in the field of salivary gland cytopathology, and importantly, from input by the cytopathology community.
- **The Paris System for Reporting Urinary Cytopathology** - The Paris System for Reporting Urinary Cytology opened the Urinary Cytology Reproducibility Study Site. Officially, the "Paris Interobserver Reproducibility Study" or PIRST consists of 85 images and demographic questions. The Task Force invited the community to evaluate a series of images from the new Paris System for Reporting Urinary Cytology Atlas. The responses will be recorded for a study to be published in the *Journal of the American Society of Cytopathology*. Grouped results will be posted on the forthcoming Paris Web site for Reporting of Urinary Cytology to coincide with the publication of the new "Paris System for Reporting of Urinary Cytology" Atlas.
- **Guideline on Collection and Test Prioritization in Pulmonary Cytology Specimens** – The College of American Pathologists (CAP), the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC), the American Thoracic Society (ATS), the American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST), and the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) are collaborating on activities related to the development of a document equivalent to evidence-based guideline /technical standard publication related to the appropriate collection and handling of thoracic specimens for laboratory testing.

ASC Educational Activities

- *2016 USCAP Companion Meeting*
Sunday, March 13, 2016 @ 7:30 PM, Seattle, Washington
Everything That Shines Ain't Always Gonna Be Gold – Insights into Cytology/Histology Correlations
Speakers: Eva M. Wojcik, MD, Zubair W. Baloch, MD, PhD, William Faquin, MD, PhD, Swati Mehrotra, MD, Paul Wakely, Jr., MD, Fadi W. Abdul-Karim, MD, MEd and Dina Mody, MD



- *Advance Cytopathology Education: Personalized for your Future*
May 20 – 21, 2016
Loyola University Medical Center
Maywood, Illinois
This course is in conjunction with the ASCP. Information on the course can be found www.ascp.org/ace
- *2016 International Congress of Cytology*
May 28 – June 1, 2016, Pacifico Yokohama, Japan
Gynecologic Cytopathology: The 2014 Bethesda System-Updates and Diagnostic Challenges.
Speaker: Ritu Nayar, MD
- *2016 ASCP Annual Meeting*
September 14-16, 2016, Las Vegas, Nevada
Experts' Approach to Various Diagnostic Issues
Speakers: Lester Layfield, MD, Dara Aisner, MD, PhD, and Andre Moreira, MD
- *CAP '16*
September 25 – 28, 2016, Las Vegas, Nevada
Primary HPV Testing: A New Era in Cervical Cancer Screening
Speakers: Barbara Crothers, DO, and Mohiedean Ghofrani, MD, MBA
- *40th European Congress of Cytology*
October 2 – 5, 2016, Liverpool, England
Uses and Misuses of Ancillary Tests in Cytopathology
Speakers: Eva M. Wojcik, MD, Zubair W. Baloch, MD, PhD, William Faquin, MD, PhD and Edmund S. Cibas, MD
- *64th Annual Scientific Meeting*
November 4-7, 2016,
Hyatt Regency
New Orleans, Louisiana.
Call for Abstracts is currently open, more information can be found at www.cytopathologymeeting.org



- *Cyto-econference Series*
New Series starts April 26th with *The Paris System for Reporting Urinary Cytology* by Drs. Guliz Barkan and Eva Wojcik. More information can be found on the ASC Web site, www.cytopathology.org
- *eJournal Club*
The ASC offers an online pathology journal club. This is a great educational tool that highlights a recent article from a respected peer-reviewed journal. The *eJournal Club* is free educational activity to all ASC members. More information can be found on the ASC Web site, www.cytopathology.org
- *Case Studies*
Case Studies provide an opportunity to make diagnostic decisions and compare them with nationally known experts. More information can be found on the ASC Web site, www.cytopathology.org
- *Progressive Evaluation of Competency (PEC)*
PEC is a highly successful ASC product that tracks the progress of pathology residents and cytopathology fellows and their overall competency as they begin their cytopathology careers. More information can be found on the ASC Web site, www.cytopathology.org
- *Cytology Education Learning Lab (CELL Web site)* (<http://cytologyedlab.org/>)
The Cytology Education Learning Lab (CELL) Web site was originally developed as a “one-stop shop” for Cytotechnology Program Directors looking for ideas, activities, and other resources to help with implementation of the 22 new entry-level competencies (ELCs) into their curricula, the interest in the site has been much wider than anticipated. A significant percentage of CELL registrants are international users. With international education as well as national consortium module building and scope of practice changes in mind, the CELL Resource Committee is considering an expanded vision for the future of the site including more resources for a wider audience, well beyond the original 22 ELCs.