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Progress Report

The Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology Evening Session will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the USCAP meeting in Baltimore. The topic will be "Algorithmic Approach to Pancreaticobiliary Cytology: A Step Toward Recommendations and Guidelines." Presenters include: William R. Brugge, MD, Barbara A. Centeno, MD, Syed Z. Ali, MD, and Ralph H. Hruban, MD. This program will be held in conjunction with presentations by the ASC on Sunday, March 3, 2013.

The PSC Afternoon Session (3/2/2013) will focus on The Cervical Cancer Prevention Project with presentations by Anne Ruch, MD, Raja Dewar, MD and Eric Subu MD.

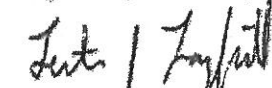
The Papanicolaou Society has undertaken a number of outreach programs to Africa and Southeast Asia. These programs are designed to develop cytopathology service infrastructure, develop long term relationships with local pathologists and improve educational resources in a variety of developing countries. The programs include Papanicolaou Society members presenting educational programs including workshops at a variety of sites in Africa and Southeast Asia. The Papanicolaou Society continues a program in conjunction with Wiley Press to supply Diagnostic Cytopathology to ten sites in Sub-Saharan Africa. The PSC has focused on the creation of educational courses particularly in fine-needle aspiration. These courses partner closely with local pathologists and trainees to build fine-needle aspiration services, develop educational resources, and consultation networks.

The Papanicolaou Society continues to develop in conjunction with European and Asian cytopathology societies a broad membership base and has developed an international network of pathologists for the presentation of courses. The PSC has participated in educational programs at the 2011 European Congress of Cytopathology in Istanbul, Turkey. The PSC has given presentations with the European Congress of Cytopathology meeting in Croatia and also with the International Society of Cytopathology in South Africa in 2012. These presentations are meant to enhance relationships between European, Asian, African and North American cytopathologists. Joint programs are designed to optimize contributions from the various societies with different strengths and membership bases. Future joint programs in 2013 will be given with the A.S.C. 18th Congress of Cytology and A.S.C.P.

The PSC has also developed a close working relationship with the American Society of Cytopathology to present combined Scientific Programs at the USCAP both in 2013 and 2014. The PSC is in the process of developing a set of guidelines similar to those it developed with the NCI for the thyroid. The current guidelines under development are those for the pancreaticobiliary system. A website has been developed where these guidelines will be posted for public discussion. The final guidelines will be presented both at the USCAP and at the Congress of Cytopathology in 2013.

The major mission of the PSC continues to be educational both nationally and internationally. In conjunction with this mission, the PSC will continue to develop sets of guidelines for clinically important areas where cytology has a major contribution. Future guideline development will be in partnership with professional societies in surgery, medicine and radiology.

Respectfully submitted,



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