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#### **Progress Report**

The Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology (PSC) companion scientific session will be held on the evening of Saturday March 12, 2016 at the 105<sup>th</sup> USCAP annual meeting in Seattle, WA. This scientific program will focus on the challenges as well as ancillary studies and new developments associated with evaluation of small specimens. The session is titled "Small Specimens vs. Big Questions in the Era of Precision Medicine and Cost Containment", and is moderated by Dr. Zubair Baloch, chair of the PSC scientific program. The first presentations by Dr. Sanja Dacic will address Diagnosing Mesothelioma in Limited Tissue Samples. The second presentation by Dr. Andrew Bellizzi will focus on Do's and Don'ts of Immunohistochemistry of Limited Tissue Samples. The third presentation by Dr. Dara Aisner will be an Update on Molecular Testing of Cytology Samples. The fourth and final talk by Dr. Jennifer Hunt will cover Regulatory and Cost Containment Issues Affecting Molecular Diagnostic Laboratories.

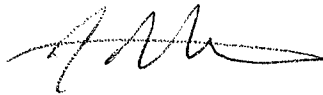
The International Relations Committee of PSC will also present an afternoon session at USCAP annual meeting (03/12/2016). The session is titled "Who Watches the Watchmen? Controversial Cervical Screening Studies in India", and is moderated by Dr. Amar Jesani. The topics include: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Cervical Screening in Osmanabad, The Golden Rule: A Proposed Remedy for Intellectual and Ethical Decadence in Global Health, A Petition to the Supreme Court of India, and Reflections on the Presidential Apology for the USPHS Syphilis Study (1932-1972); presented by Dr. Marshall Austin, Dr. Eric Suba, Ms. Sandhya Srinivasan, and Dr. Rueben Warren, respectively.

The PSC continues to foster relationships with both national and international pathology societies. PSC has developed exciting sponsored educational events for the year 2016 with other societies which include American Society of Clinical Pathology, American Society of Cytopathology, International Academy of Cytopathology and European Federation of Cytopathology Societies. These cosponsored programs are designed to optimize contributions from the various societies with different strengths, needs and membership bases. Some of these presentations include slide seminars at the 19<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Cytology in Japan (May 2016), entitled "Fine-Needle Aspiration of Cystic Lesions of Head and Neck: Challenges Encountered and Lessons Learned", and "Cytologic Diagnosis of Atypical: Criteria and Controversies", at the 40th European Congress of Cytology in Liverpool-UK (October 2016).

PSC is also actively involved in the development of outreach programs in Africa and Southeast Asia. These educational programs include didactic lectures, FNA tutorials and live slide sessions. The local pathologists and technologists are actively involved in the development of these programs. We are determined for these relationships to continue and fostered by the present and future officers of the PSC and its roster of vibrant members.

The PSC continues to fulfill its educational mission at both national and international levels, and has proven to be a leader in the field of cytopathology in developing guidelines/recommendations for challenging cytology specimens such as thyroid, pancreas, salivary gland and lung. This is all accomplished by establishing lasting partnerships with medical societies of similar interests. As officers of the PSC, we believe that the accomplishments of PSC will continue to grow and keep this society as a productive member among other pathology societies.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Elsheikh', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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