

CHAPTER OF PATHOLOGISTS, ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE

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HIGHLIGHTS

20th Combined Annual Scientific Meeting

The 20th Combined Annual Scientific Meeting co-organised by the Chapter and the Singapore Society of Pathology was held on 12 September 2009 at the Sheraton Towers. A total of 8 lectures with topics in Microbiology and Anatomical Pathology were presented. The meeting was attended by about a hundred local and foreign delegates.

Haematopathology Slide Seminar

The Chapter co-organised a Slide Update Session with the Singapore Society of Pathology, the Singapore Society of Haematology and Tan Tock Seng Hospital on 23 October 2009. Speakers from various institutions presented six case studies in the 2-hour long session.

Microbiology Tutorial Sessions (CD-recorded Audio-Conference Sessions)

Co-organisers: Singapore Society of Pathology & the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital:

- **23 February 2009**
Bacterial Defection in Blood Donations
Dr William B. Lockwood
Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
Director of Transfusion Services, Tissue/Bone Bank, University Hospital & Director, Transfusion Services, Tissue/Bone Bank & Coagulation Lab
Norton-Kosair Children's Hospitals
Louisville, Kentucky, USA

Moderator: Dr Ling Mok Lin
- **23 March 2009**
Recognition and Detection of ESBLs. AmpC and KPC producing Gram Negative Bacilli
Dr Ellen Smith-Moland
Center for Research in Anti-Infectives and Biotechnology
Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology
Creighton University School of Medicine

Moderator: Dr Koh Tse Hsien
- **27 April 2009**
Everything the Clinician Microbiologists Need to Know about the Laboratory Response Network
Dr Jasmine Chaitram
Laboratory Response Network
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Moderator: Dr Deepak Rama Narayana
- **18 May 2009**
Primer and Pearls for Procedure Coding in Microbiology
Dr Vickie Baselski
Department of Pathology
University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Moderator: Dr Sng Li-Hwei
- **29 June 2009**
The Current Coding Game: Name that Code!
Dr Vickie Baselski
Department of Pathology
University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Moderator: Dr Cecilia Ngan
- **13 July 2009**
Antibiotics of Last Resort: Carbapenems, Colistin and Tigecycline and Others
Dr William Pasculle
Department of Pathology, University of Pittsburgh

Moderator: Dr Chan Kian Sing
- **24 August 2009**
Changing epidemiology of Clostridium difficile in the United States
Dr Brandi Limbago
Team Leader
Centers for Diseases Control & Prevention

Moderator: Dr James Sim
- **26 October 2009**
Rapid Identification of Organisms from Blood Cultures
Dr Yvette McCarter
Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Associate Program Director, Pathology Residency;
Director, Microbiology Laboratory
College of Medicine, Jacksonville, University of Florida

Moderator: Dr Ng Tong Yong
- **23 November 2009**
Challenges in the Laboratory Detection and Confirmation of Antibiotic Resistance
Dr Jean Patel
Chief of Anti-Infectives Investigation
Section of Epidemiology & Laboratory Branch
Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Moderator: Dr Sng Li-Hwei
- **7 December 2009**
Respiratory Virus Diagnostics: An Overview
Dr Elizabeth M. Marlowe
Asst Director Microbiology/Molecular Testing
Southern California Permanente Medical Group
North Hollywood, CA

Moderator: Ms Bai Xinlai

Lectures

Co-organisers: Singapore Society of Pathology & Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

- **26 November 2009**

Serology & Molecular Testing for Viruses—Ensuring the Correct Result

Prof William Rawlinson
Director of Virology, SEALS Microbiology
Prince of Wales Hospital, NSW, Australia

Chairperson: Dr Chan Kwai Peng

Viral Infections and Pregnancy

Prof William Rawlinson
Director of Virology, SEALS Microbiology
Prince of Wales Hospital, NSW, Australia

Chairperson: Dr Matthias Maiwald

Sponsorship of Events

The Chapter sponsored the following lectures:

- **20 July 2009**

Update on Vascular Tumours of Bone

Prof Andrew Rosenberg
Professor of Pathology
Harvard Medical School and
Senior Pathologist
Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Boston

- **18 August 2009**

Advances in Neuro-Oncology: Molecular Characterization of Gliomas and the Impact on Treatment Design and Pathologic Diagnosis

Dr Gregory Fuller
Chief of Neuropathology
MD Anderson Cancer Center and
Professor of Pathology (Neuropathology)
University of Texas

- **23 July 2009**

Update on Notochordal Tumours

Prof Andrew Rosenberg
Professor of Pathology
Harvard Medical School and
Senior Pathologist
Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Boston

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Chapter submitted a DLP module from the following article for the year 2009:

Rakha E, Reis-Filho JS. Basal-like breast carcinoma: from expression profiling to routine practice. Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2009 Jun;133(6):860-8

PROFESSIONAL OPINION

During the year, the Chapter contributed feedback and recommendations on:

- Diploma of Dermatopathology (residency training) programme
- Review of Levels of Medical Capability
- Public Consultation on Draft Coroners Bill
- Use of Chelation Therapy & Ozone Therapies on patients

More information on the Chapter is available at http://www.ams.edu.sg/chapter/home.aspx?sec_id=8