PATHOLOGY (PATH)

Courses

PATH 4001. Hematology - University Hospital. 4 Credit Hours. During this selective, through daily experience, consultations, and conferences, students will have the opportunity to learn to use CBCs, blood films, bone marrow studies, and other hematologic laboratory data in the diagnosis of basic hematologic, lymphoid, and coagulation disorders. This selective can be tailored according to the needs of individual students. The student interested in primary care can become involved in the performance of common laboratory tests done in the office. Daily contact with the pathologist will provide guidance in selection and proper utilization of laboratory testing for a specific patient's problem. For the student interested in pathology and laboratory medicine, the organization, management, maintenance of quality control, and consultative role of the Hematology Laboratory will be emphasized. During the selective period, a student may be assigned to spend one week in flow cytometry, molecular genetics, or cytogenetics.

PATH 4002. Blood Banking. 4 Credit Hours. This selective is to acquaint the student with transfusion practices including the indications, dosage, expected benefits and risks of the different blood components, and the performance of therapeutic apheresis. The student will also be exposed to basic immuno-hematology and blood-banking techniques of acquiring, processing, testing, and transfusing blood components. Under the direction of the pathologist, a transfusion medicine fellow, a pathology resident, and a technical specialist in blood banking, the student will be required to perform basic techniques, participate in resolving the problems of patients having difficulties in transfusion, and evaluate the appropriateness of transfusion episodes. The selective can be tailored to offer more experience in transfusion practices for patient care or in organization, management, quality control, and other factors important to the student who may consider laboratory medicine as a chosen field. Students are required to participate in consultations and education programs offered by the blood bank.

PATH 4003. Hematology/Blood Banking. 4 Credit Hours. This combination selective between the Hematology Laboratory and the Blood Bank may be arranged if student so desires.

PATH 4007. Pathology Research. 4 Credit Hours. The course involves participation in a selected facet of ongoing research projects being conducted by a faculty member with assigned responsibilities for technical performance, reading, and interpretation of results.

PATH 4012. Anatomic Pathology: Fine Needle Aspiration. 4 Credit Hours. Students will be given the opportunity to learn the technique of fine needle aspiration (FNA) biopsy. Direct supervision by faculty, cytology fellow and/or pathology resident in the method of specimen procurement and preparation of the FNA specimen occurs after initial instruction by the course director or their designee for palpable lesions. Participation at radiologically guided or endoscopically guided FNAs is also observed. Students are required to learn basic Modified-Giemsa staining with preliminary evaluation for adequacy of aspirate. There will be exposure to basic interpretation of FNA material from smears and cell blocks with emphasis on selection of ancillary testing along with clinical correlation. A separate clinic time is NO longer available and FNAs are done on an "on-call" basis from UHS cytopathology. Exposure to other areas of anatomic pathology that pertain to quality improvement of clinical medicine skills will also be made available. The experience may be customized depending on the student's future interests (pathology as a future vocation versus students planning on other fields of medicine).

PATH 4015. Forensic Pathology. 2 Credit Hours. Daily responsibilities include the observation of forensic autopsies. Other responsibilities will include crime scene investigation, courtroom, and/or deposition exposure. During the rotation period, the student is expected to spend some time within the toxicology laboratory and must arrange this with the chief toxicologist. Near the end of the rotation, the student is expected to present a talk on a topic of current forensic interest to the staff during weekly case review. The student will be assessed by attendance, type and frequency of activities performed, and subjective evaluations by the medical examiner staff. This forensic pathology rotation must be pre-approved by the course director for both time period and length of rotation; recommended during the fourth year of medical school following core rotation in general autopsy and surgical pathology, though those rotations are not required.

PATH 4104. Naturopathic Medicine: Evidence-Based Critique. 0.5 Credit Hours. The objective of this course is to build basic knowledge about the mainstreams of naturopathic medicine such as fito-therapy, acupuncture and other reflexologies, Asian and European dietary systems, as well as stimulatory methods such as fasting and homeopathy. For each of these systems, diagnosis and treatment will be discussed from the evidence-based perspective.

PATH 4105. Evidence Based Medicine In Everyday Practice. 0.5 Credit Hours. This course strives to overcome the animosity between conventional and unconventional medicine by openly discussing and evaluating some of the naturopathic methods using the tools of evidence-based medicine. This course is an eleven-contact-hour mandatory course in laboratory medicine for MSIV students. Offered during the spring semester, the course is taught by members of the Pathology Department using patient case scenarios to illustrate laboratory medicine aspects of patient care management. An introductory one-hour lecture is presented to the entire class as a whole to provide course format information and small-group assignments. Groups of twenty-five to thirty students are formed based upon medical/surgical specialties; a student is assigned to a group according to chosen specialty. Patient cases are selected to emphasize important laboratory medicine points pertinent to a particular specialty.
PATH 5021. Biostatistics. 3 Credit Hours.
An introduction to Biostatistics, emphasis is upon application of
statistical methods to biological problems. Topics include descriptive
statistics, probability, hypothesis testing, and estimation.

PATH 5025. Individual Study in Biometry. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course is for students who wish to study special problems in
biometry or application of biometric methods to problems in the life
sciences. A plan of study is determined by the student and the biometry
faculty with topics varying according to the interests and requirements of
the student.

PATH 5030. Oral Histopathology. 1 Credit Hour.
The course will review the histopathologic features of oral diseases.
Cases signed-out on the Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Biopsy Service
will be discussed in a conference format utilizing a multiheaded
microscope. Correlation of the histologic findings with the clinical and
radiographic presentation of oral disease processes will be emphasized.
Students will have the opportunity to learn the basis of surgical
pathologic diagnosis and related ancillary special studies.

PATH 5035. Oral Pathology. 2 Credit Hours.
Clinicopathologic correlations, differential diagnosis, and therapeutic
rationale are emphasized. The integration of history, physical findings,
and clinical laboratory data with pertinent radiographic findings, clinical
presentations, and anatomic pathology will be emphasized.

PATH 6026. Graduate Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology -
Clinicopathologic Conference 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is presented in the first semester and consists of 16 one-
hour sessions of instruction conducted as case conferences utilizing
radiographic, histopathologic, and clinical projected glass slides and
Kodachromes. Students present assigned literature reviews and cases
emphasizing radiographic and histopathologic changes; discussions
follow. Students include those from Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery,
Periodontics, Endodontics, and Dental Diagnostic Sciences.

PATH 6027. Graduate Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Clinicopathologic
Conference 2. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is a continuation of PATH 6026 Grad Oral/Maxillofacial
Path 1. It is presented in the second semester and consists of 17 one-
hour sessions of instruction conducted as case conferences utilizing
radiographic, histopathologic, and clinical projected glass slides and
Kodachromes. Students present assigned literature reviews and cases
emphasizing radiographic and histopathologic changes; discussions
follow. Students include those from Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery,
Periodontics, Endodontics, and Dental Diagnostic Sciences. Prerequisite:
PATH 6026.

PATH 7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty
member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before
the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has
not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: “Course
Approval” form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the
physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation,
and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities
during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and
telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for
the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after
the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance
with enrolling in this course.

PATH 7023. Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology: Clinicopathologic
Conference. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is a series of 14 clinicopathologic conferences presented in
an interactive case-based/clinical problem-solving format. Students will
be expected to apply their fund of basic science knowledge learned in
the prerequisite didactic pathology courses to simulated dental practice
situations. Cases will be discussed systematically utilizing the S.O.A.P.
format (Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan). Students are required
to complete and turn in a worksheet and self assessment for each case.
Students are expected to read articles from current scientific literature
posted on the course site and take the online challenge examinations.
Lectures on the critical topics of head and neck cancer and skin cancer
will be given by the course director.