My experience of attendance and poster presentation at Leeds Pathology 2019

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It was a great privilege to be offered a bursary to attend and present a poster at the Leeds Pathology Conference 2019. Preparing the poster was a valuable learning experience. Through reading around the two cases I presented, I gained new knowledge about gross and histological features associated with metaplastic breast carcinoma. I am also now more aware of the varied forms of differentiation, such as chondroid and osseous differentiation, which can be seen in these types of tumour. In addition, it was useful to refresh skills of presenting information in a poster format.

Being present to defend my poster during the official poster rounds was another useful learning experience. I received questions about classification criteria for metaplastic breast carcinoma and frequency of chondroid and osseous differentiation. I also had opportunity to read and learn from the posters that others had produced. It was beneficial to converse with other trainees attending from around the country and talk about their poster content and generally about training experiences.

During the time after the poster rounds I was able to attend lectures in the Gynaecological and Breast pathology symposiums, including an especially useful and memorable talk on Lynch syndrome by Dr Emma Crosbie.

I returned to work and training feeling enthusiastic about the experience I’d had at the conference. I was able to share with colleagues the comments and interest that I’d received on the poster and this was well received in the department.