

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the BDIAP symposium on breast pathology which I found to be an excellent review of many of the current challenges in breast pathology particularly on the cusp of the introduction of the 8th edition of the TNM.

As a trainee, digital pathology is always to the fore in discussions on the future of pathology so I really enjoyed Dr Snead's talk on its potential and current utilisations in breast pathology. Dr Shaaban's review of proliferative breast lesions was a very practical approach with many tips that I can apply to daily practice. Papillary lesions are widely accepted to be a challenging aspect of breast pathology and I was delighted to attend a meeting where the difficulties around them were discussed so comprehensively.

The diagnosis of rare breast tumours was really fascinating especially given that Prof Ellis who is so widely recognised as an expert in the field was delivering the talk. The approach to complex excisions and margins was again a very practical talk which is very useful in my daily practice as a trainee.

The handling and reporting of axillary lymph nodes was a timely talk given the upcoming TNM 8 introduction.

The significance of tumour infiltrating lymphocytes is an exciting area of current breast cancer research and it was an honour to learn about this from someone so closely involved in the research around this. The update on the use of molecular assays in breast cancer gave interesting insights into cutting edge research in the UK.

Both the problem solving session and the slide seminar on the Saturday provided invaluable tips on approach to difficult cases for trainees.

I really feel I benefitted from attendance at this meeting and my confidence in breast Pathology has grown. The conference dinner was delicious and in beautiful surrounds as was the venue of the symposium.

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