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Why did you want to attend the Ghent Pathology?

First of all, I heard Ghent pathology from my colleague who was encouraging me to be a member of BDIAP, telling me that that it a great opportunity to me meet and interact with pathologist from other developed countries. As a Consultant Pathologist, attending this conference, has to opened my mind by attending amazing courses that improved my pathology knowledge both in theory and practice.

In settings of Rwanda, where we depend much on H&E and some limited IHC to make diagnosis with limited number of Senior Pathologists. Attended other international meetings helped me to meet so experienced molecular pathologists, we interacted and they have advised me on how I should work in such settings and some of them promised me to find fellowship of Molecular Pathology which is my area of interest. That is when I also noticed that today's every diagnosis might have molecular aspect that has not been introduced in Rwanda. I have informed my hospital through conference and training report and they have been interested to start molecular pathology laboratory with me being the focal person. Attending this Ghent pathology conference was of a great added value as I will learn even more and will have a positive impact not only to my carrier but also to my country in general.

Did the Ghent Pathology meet your expectations?

I found the Ghent pathology conference to be a good opportunity to get up-to-date with changes to the Pathology practice in general, to understand some of the diagnosis, current reporting challenges and to be inspired as to what the future might look like as technology progresses. It was useful to interact with the trade stall personnel and had some useful discussions with other expertise pathologist world widely.

Do you feel more confident in your knowledge/understanding of this area of pathology following attendance at the Ghent Pathology conference?

I felt reassured, I understood the majority of issues discussed throughout the conference. This validated my efforts thus far and helped me to feel more confident in the knowledge I had retained.

Highlight aspects of the area of pathology that you have learnt from the Ghent Pathology which you were not aware of prior to the day:

I was interested to note the update in non-neoplastic lung disease, update in thoracic neoplasia, etiology and diagnosis of liver cancer especially hepatocellular carcinoma and its variants throughout the presentation done.

I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation on update on breast pathology on evidence for agreed minimum resection margins for invasive and in-situ disease and understanding the impact on risk of recurrence. I now understand why we have maintained these limits and that these are different to those adhered to in the USA.

It was interesting to explore molecular markers and understand a little more the range of patient - tailored treatments available in advanced or metastatic disease. The various presentations outlining some of the potential for artificial intelligence in image analysis to aid in breast reporting was absolutely fascinating.

Are there any aspects of what you have learnt during the conference that you would consider incorporating into your own practice?

Some general pointers that may prove useful in decision making that I picked up from the conference:

- I have a better understanding on updated epidemiology, etiology diagnosis and treatment of liver cancer, especially hepatocellular carcinoma and its variants
- I have been updated on gastric pathology (types of gastritis, gastric cancer)
- Generally speaking the more specimens must be tested for her2, for prognostic predilection

Would you recommend this Ghent Pathology to your colleagues?

Yes, absolutely.

- It is a great opportunity to make stronger a pathology career (to meet and to interact with pathologist from worldwide as well as gain new knowledge from presentations done and thought poster presentation in both education and research wise)
- The venue and hospitality were excellent and the breadth of presentations made it a very worthwhile day.