

Liverpool Pathology 2023 - Report

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Why did you want to go to Liverpool Pathology 2023?

I wanted to highlight the learning opportunities provided through my autopsy experience (in part with my poster presentation), and to update my knowledge in gastrointestinal pathology which I intend to specialise in. I also wanted the opportunity to network with trainee and consultant colleagues from the UK and farther afield.

Do you feel more confident in your clinical practice following attendance at the Liverpool Pathology 2023?

Yes. The inflammatory GI pathology sessions and the pleural pathology session were of particular value for me. Diagnostic tips provided by the individuals writing the guidelines helped to give me a greater understanding into some tricky areas of pathology.

Highlight aspects of what you have learnt from the Liverpool Pathology 2023 which you were not aware of prior to the day.

I read some really interesting posters which I hadn't expected to enjoy as much having been restricted to virtual posters in recent years, including clear cell nests as a mimic of cancer in renal biopsies, and from the international lecture the prognostic significance of intraductal prostate cancer and implications for treatment failure.

Are there any aspects of what you have learnt during Liverpool Pathology 2023 that you would consider incorporating into your own practice or have already incorporated into practice?

I intend to incorporate principles from the autopsy sessions while working to reform our current service with the aim of becoming a centre of excellence, and I hope to be part of bringing post mortem imaging into practice in the South West guided by Prof Ian Roberts approach. Jan von der Thusen's approach to pleural biopsies was also invaluable and I will be adopting elements of that.

Did Liverpool Pathology 2023 meet your expectations?

Yes. I had an excellent time catching up with colleagues and attending talks from the experts. The social events were also worth attending, providing great opportunities for networking and meeting nationally and internationally renowned individuals.

Finally, would you recommend it to your colleagues?

Yes as it is a great chance to keep abreast of the latest advances in histopathology, and an excellent opportunity to network and meet colleagues. The COVID19 pandemic curtailed many in-person events and I found the lack of social engagement quite detrimental, but it is great to be able to attend in person once again. I will be trying to get the rest of my trainee colleagues to attend the next meeting and present a poster.