

Liverpool Pathology 2023 – short report

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Why did you want to go to Liverpool Pathology 2023?

For me, it can really be summarised in two words – curiosity and excitement. This is my very first in-person attendance at a major pathology conference, since I started training in histopathology. I really looked forward to learning in proximity from experts, as well as the chance to meet old and new colleagues. Of course, getting the chance to showcase your work at the meeting is also a big part of it, but it is really just part of the excitement. After all, this is such a big conference dedicated to the field, which would certainly grab interest from anyone working in, or fascinated by pathology.

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

Definitely. It was great to deepen my understanding and knowledge across a range of topic areas, as well as learning about the complications and challenges related to diagnostics, improving our medical practice and governance. As a junior trainee, these are senior management aspects of our profession that we do not always get to appreciate. Furthermore, by learning from our experience colleagues and experts in the field, I can also appreciate the areas in our daily workload, where we should give particular attention to, as well as understanding how particular issues can contribute to problems further downstream in our clinical workflow. I certainly feel a lot more clearer and confident with how to approach our day to day, after attending the conference.

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

A notable aspect is really discovering how much some of our colleagues have dedicated to the field, and how passionate they are at encouraging the advances and developments in pathology. From trainees to experts, it was inspiring to hear about their achievements, their commitment and energy they have given. It really makes you feel honoured to learn from them, and if lucky, working alongside them.

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?

It is encouraging to see that many of the practice that are favoured, or actively incorporated elsewhere are similarly established at my department. E.g. favouring molecular testing on (representative) biopsies than resection specimens, initial panel of immunohistochemistry to investigate tricky entities.

Did Liverpool Pathology 2023 meet your expectations?

My main expectations were to meet inspiring individuals and getting some glimpses into the range of work carried out by our colleagues – these ideals were certainly met.

Finally, would you recommend it to your colleagues?

For sure! It is a great meeting for everyone, with a wide range of opportunities. There are sessions and events catered for individuals from all types of backgrounds. I have had the pleasure of meeting individuals who have just started looking into work related to pathology, as well as pathologists with inspiring stories. It has truly been a wonderful three days and I am so grateful for the opportunity.