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I would like to extend my gratitude to the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology for awarding me a bursary to attend the 2024 Molecular Pathology and Approach to Cut-Up Study Days. My goals in attending both study days was to develop my knowledge and understanding in Molecular Pathology, an increasingly critical field, and to hone my Cut-Up techniques. Mastering cut-up is an essential step toward laying strong groundwork for my career in Pathology. As a beginner in the field, I sought to broaden my understanding and enhance my skills to better serve patients and colleagues.

I found the Molecular Pathology lectures, particularly the Haematopathology lectures on Next Generation Sequencing panels, very interesting as it is an area that I hope to gain particular expertise in, in the future. I also found the lectures on Breast pathology, extremely useful and interesting as I currently work in a specialised breast cancer centre and encounter these cases regularly.

Leading on from the Molecular aspect, it was brilliant to have the complimentary Approach to Cut-up course the following day. As I am starting out in pathology, mastering cut-up is a crucial part of our role and listening to experts in their respective fields discuss the most appropriate way of sampling specimens was extremely insightful and useful.

The Cut-Up study day has led me to be more confident with my approach, and I also have the lecture notes available to me, there is a wealth of reference information available to me. I am confident that my attendance at the cut-up course will improve both the efficiency and quality of my work.

I wholeheartedly recommend attending these study days to colleagues, especially those in the early stages of their careers. The wealth of knowledge and practical skills acquired during the event is invaluable for professional development and lays a solid foundation for future growth.

In conclusion, the 2024 Molecular Pathology and Approach to Cut-Up Study Days were fantastic, the presentations provided valuable insights and practical skills crucial for my professional journey. I am very grateful to have been awarded a bursary to attend the March 2024 Study days and I would absolutely recommend it to colleagues, as well as the BDIAP bursary opportunities.

