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I am grateful to the BDIAP for granting me a bursary to attend the 2025 Molecular Pathology and Approach to Cut-up study days. Cut-up is a huge part of my daily job and performing this duty correctly allows for the timely and reliable reporting of the specimens. The cut-up study reinforced my understanding of the rationale behind each block I submit – striking a balance between patient safety and resource allocation. I particularly enjoyed the presentation on pancreatic macroscopic examination, with the speaker being extremely thorough and coherent in his elucidation of the pancreatic anatomy.

I always perceived molecular pathology as a challenging branch of Pathology, what with its hotchpotch of testing modalities and enigmatic nomenclature of genes and their products. The Molecular Pathology study day broke down this barrier with a panel of very enthusiastic speakers who all obviously love teaching. I found the Haematopathology section of the talk enjoyable and well-presented.

Although I am only at the beginning of my journey to become an independent practitioner of Histopathology, these study days gave me an approach to problems that I can always revisit and the confidence to practise safely. I unequivocally recommend these study days to my peers.