I attended both the BDIAP Molecular Pathology and Approach to Cut-Up study days in March 2019. The Molecular Pathology day covered a wide variety of specialties, and whilst the speakers covered the information in considerable depth, they made it accessible to a first year Histopathology trainee. Trainees can have a varying exposure to molecular techniques in their day to day work, and the talks were good at highlighting the relevance of molecular pathology to patient management but also showing the potential for future molecular research.

The Approach to Cut-Up provided detailed information on cut-up for common specimens which was excellent revision for the Stage A OSPE. I particularly liked how the speakers would link the cut-up process with the specimens TNM staging, highlighting the reasoning behind sampling those specimens in that particular way. In practice at work, this has made me take blocks in a more targeted way during cut-up.

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