

BDIAP Report Study Days

As a first year histopathology trainee in Dublin, Ireland, I jumped at the chance to travel to London to attend the BDIAP study days, especially with the generous economic help of the bursary. Both topics, molecular pathology and cut up, are such a big part of my daily job and training programme, and it was an unmissable opportunity to have the guidance of the experts of the BDIAP/Royal College of Pathologists. I arrived in London on Sunday afternoon with a group of Irish trainees to enjoy an evening out around London before the courses, although the weather did not cooperate.

The Molecular Study Day started out with a great introduction/overview from Professor Salto-Tellez from Queens in Belfast, and was followed by talks on the new developments and well-established molecular tests in all different subspecialty areas of histopathology, including clonality testing in haematopathology, refractory coeliac disease in GI, PD-L1 in lung pathology, and many more. The field is moving so rapidly that it's hard to keep up and stay up to date on all the targetable biomarkers and the evidence base for each one. One of the most interesting topics was the experts' opinions on the future direction of molecular pathology, especially relevant for young pathologists like myself.



Dublin histopathology trainees taking in the molecular talks and grateful for some time off work!

The Cut Up Study Day was especially relevant and useful for my current day-to-day job, and the tips for describing and sampling, correlating with the RCPATH Guidelines, were incredibly helpful. Cut up is one of the main duties of pathology trainees in Ireland, and can sometimes be overwhelming when faced with new and difficult specimens. Following this study day, I recall the advice from the lectures (and RCPATH Guidelines) whenever I cut a lung resection, GI resection, hysterectomy, or even a small skin ellipse.

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