

BDIAP (joint with BAUP) Symposium on Urological Pathology November 2021 - Bursary Report

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I wished to attend this symposium to expand my knowledge and confidence in reporting uropathology cases, in particular to keep up-to-date with the latest changes in reporting guidelines being released in the upcoming WHO book due to be published early next year.

The symposium was an excellent event that covered all relevant aspects of uropathology in a succinct yet informative way. The programme was well thought out and all speakers delivered their presentations in an engaging and entertaining manner. The event ran smoothly and was a real testament to the hard work of the event organisers.

I found the sessions highly informative and feel my knowledge base has increased as a result of attending the symposium. It was a good opportunity to learn about less commonly encountered diagnoses, such as papillary renal neoplasm with reverse polarity, and how to recognise and work up these more complex cases. It was particularly useful to see examples of these cases in the slide session on Day 2 of the symposium. I also felt the speakers provided lots of very practical advice for day-to-day practice, for example, I had not appreciated that there can be increased CK7 expression in the central scar of an oncocytoma and that this should not sway your diagnosis. Such small but significant pearls of wisdom are invaluable when training to avoid potential pitfalls and misdiagnoses.

I think the main message from the symposium which I will carry forward in my training and beyond is to ensure that when reporting cases, in any aspect of pathology not specifically uropathology, it is vital to always consider the clinical relevance of what you are looking at and what you put into your report. I feel this was a really valuable take home message echoed by all of the speakers to make sure you remember to put the patient at the centre of what we are all working to achieve.

I was also fortunate to attend the symposium dinner where it was very interesting to mix with trainees from other countries to discuss the similarities and differences between training across the world.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the symposium and would certainly recommend it to my peers and colleagues. Not only was it filled with educational benefit it was also a really enjoyable event to attend.