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Why did you want to attend this symposium?

I wanted to participate to the symposium because of my interest in uropathology. Moreover, I have participated to several events/ courses/ symposium organized by BDIAP and they always fulfilled my expectations. Furthermore, the possibility of having a scientific event that was not an online meeting stimulated me even more to participate.

Did the symposium meet your expectations?

The main subject of the symposium was clearly communicated, and it met my expectations. All the speakers were highly prepared, and the presentations were very clear, straight to the point. I discovered new entities and pointing out the differences between the old WHO and the new one allowed me to have a clearer view of the changes

Do you feel more confident in your knowledge/understanding of urological pathology following attendance at the symposium?

There are several concepts that are clearer after the symposium. However, as a trainee pathologist, I don't have yet enough experience, and there are a lot of lesions that I did not see during my internship in uropathology. Even if I do not feel necessarily more confident, I was able to identify some of my weak points which in the end is a positive thing.

Highlight aspects of urological pathology that you have learnt from the symposium which you were not aware of prior to the day.

I particularly appreciated the slides with differential diagnosis of the tumors (included in several presentations) as well as the contribution of molecular biology in the diagnosis. I also found interesting the correlation between the phenotype of tumors and the molecular characteristics.

Are there any aspects of what you have learnt during symposium that you would consider incorporating into your own practice?

All the information provided should be incorporated in the current practice. During the 2 days symposium, the speakers highlighted the new entities/modified entities in the WHO, so it is going to become the standard of care worldwide, which means that we must integrate them. I am impatiently waiting for the WHO to be available in order to study thoroughly the new entities and the new chapters to be able to integrate them in the current practice.

Finally, would you recommend the symposium to your colleagues?

I would definitely recommend it. As pathologist, we must learn and keep us up to date during the entire carrier so, symposium focused on novel entities are a gold mine for every pathologist in all the fields