

BDIAP Bursary Report for the USCAP 114th Annual Meeting, March 22-27, 2024, Boston

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Why did you want to attend the USCAP annual meeting?

Having heard about lots of positive experiences from consultants and other residents at previous editions of the USCAP Annual Meeting, I was very keen to go and experience this myself. I love going to courses and meetings, therefore I am very grateful to the BDIAP for providing me with this opportunity to attend the USCAP.

Do you feel more confident in your knowledge/understanding of pathology following attendance at the USCAP annual meeting?

Being near the end of my residency I try to learn as much as possible in the last few months. I was fortunate to know which specialties I will be doing in my first job as a pathologist, so I could perfectly tailor my USCAP program to this. I gained valuable specific knowledge this way, but I also learned unexpected new things during the poster sessions for example.

Highlight aspects of pathology that you have learned from the USCAP annual meeting which you were not aware of prior to the event.

During the evening specialty conferences more rare entities were put in the spotlight and I came across some new to me diagnosis. Also the recent advances in the changing role of Her2 as a biomarker in various settings and organs was very informative.

Are there any aspects of what you have learned during the USCAP annual meeting that you would consider incorporating into your practice?

During a lot of the short courses and specialty conferences renowned pathologist shared their thought process and approach to cases that I hope to incorporate into my day-to-day practice. As well as pitfalls to avoid. Furthermore the short course on ovarian neoplasia finally made me believe and understand implants, I will forever think of cracker crumbs in a high pile 70's green carpet.

Did the USCAP annual meeting meet your expectations?

Absolutely, I loved the atmosphere and the sheer wealth of knowledge around me. The event was well organized and I met a lot of interesting people. There were plenty of interesting talks and the conference floor had a lot to offer. I definitely plan to visit the USCAP again in the future.

Finally, would you recommend the USCAP annual meeting to your colleagues?

For sure, and I already have! We have a lot of young residents in our group at the moment and I have encouraged them all to become a member of the BDIAP to be able to use the resources and apply for bursaries in order to experience incredible meetings like the USCAP.