

## BDIAP USCAP 112th annual meeting – 11th- 16th March 2023 Report

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Why did you want to attend the USCAP 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting?

*I had a poster presentation as well as two oral presentations for the Society of Cardiovascular Pathology subsection meeting to give on measurements of the mitral valve in mitral valve prolapse causing sudden cardiac death and an interesting case presentation on high take off of a coronary artery which did not account for sudden cardiac death. In addition, the cardiac and autopsy pathology sessions were highly appealing, delivered by numerous esteemed cardiac, autopsy and forensic pathologists from the US as well as around the globe.*

Do you feel more confident in your knowledge / understanding of pathology following attendance at the USCAP 112th annual meeting?

*Absolutely, the cardiac and autopsy pathology sessions were practical and informative and have increased both my confidence and understanding of cardiac and autopsy pathology.*

Highlight aspects of pathology that you have learnt from the USCAP 112th annual meeting which you were not aware of prior to the event.

*Ultrastructural cardiac pathology is an area that I had little familiarity with prior to attending the session on cardiac electron microscopy. It was particularly interesting to be able to appreciate normal ultrastructural anatomy as well as pathologies such as storage/metabolic disorders and drug reaction/toxicity.*

Are there any aspects of what you have learnt during the USCAP 112th annual meeting that you would consider incorporating into your own practice?

*It was interesting to note that ATTR amyloidosis was by far the most common cause of cardiac amyloidosis and that amyloid was found exclusively in those of over 60 years. I hope to incorporate amyloid typing into our practice through referral to the national amyloidosis centre.*

Did the USCAP 112th annual meeting meet your expectations?

*The meeting was well organised with good audio-visual equipment and support staff. The sessions were of high quality with great presentations given. The only disappointment was the shortage of coffee and lack of food available on site. My presentations went well, with a constant stream of pathologists speaking to me about my poster in the USCAP conference. There were also many questions for my two presentations given at the society of cardiovascular pathology subsection meeting as well as much discussion.*

Finally, would you recommend the USCAP 112th annual meeting to your colleagues?

*Absolutely, the sessions were packed full of interesting talks with many questions asked at the end of sessions. Conferences such as this are an important part of learning and keeping up to date with many developments within pathology. Furthermore, they are an excellent opportunity for networking and meeting other pathologists working in similar fields when they are in person. Presenting your own research/data prior to publication allows discussion to further develop your ideas and identify any weakness prior to peer review when trying to publish. I would highly recommend attending conferences especially USCAP.*



*The poster at USCAP and a view over the Mississippi River from nearby the conference centre.*

*Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the BDIAP for awarding me this bursary which has been invaluable in furthering my career, increasing my knowledge and developing worldwide collaboration.*