

A Course for the Role of Expert Role in Specimen Dissection

Wakefield

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This Expert Role Course in Specimen Dissection is suitable for biomedical scientists who are currently or intend to train as histological tissue specimen dissectors and in particular those undertaking the RCPATH/IBMS Diploma of expert practice in Histological Dissection. It can be taken in full over a one year period or as individual one or two day modules. **The course is IBMS accredited.**

The course is provided jointly by Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in partnership with the North of England Pathology and Screening Education Centre. Guest speakers include Histopathologists and Biomedical Scientists from nationwide. The training is delivered in a commercial facility which utilises a wide range of audio visual equipment, multi-head teaching microscopes and individual microscopy workstations which allows you to learn in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere.

The course covers the theoretical knowledge required for the Diploma examination and includes many opportunities for self-assessment. You will also gain practical knowledge to support your everyday practice as a specimen dissector. In addition you will have clear evidence for your own Trust and those overseeing governance such as UKAS that you have received appropriate training, giving reassurance of safe practice. The course also provides the opportunity to meet and discuss local issues with your colleagues who are going through the same process. Ideas can be shared and discussed in a relaxed setting allowing you to gain confidence in your daily work.

What are the course objectives?

The Expert Role Course in Specimen Dissection provides:

- The theoretical base required to undertake dissection practice and for the examination part of the Diploma, taught by specialists in their own field.
- Anatomical Nomenclature, Pathological Processes, Surgical Techniques, Clinical Governance and General Principles of dissection cover all aspects of the compulsory modules of the Diploma over a two-day course.
- Specialist modules run as two day courses through the year and will include; Gastrointestinal and Hepatobiliary, Gynaecological, Breast, Skin, Osteoarticular and Soft Tissues, Genito-uropathology, Endocrine and Head and Neck.
- Modules on examination and portfolio skills and techniques
- Discussion with other colleagues who have undertaken the Specimen Dissection Training
- Examples of standardised documentation for dissection procedures which students can modify to their base hospital requirements
- Format for collecting relevant material for the portfolio to describe the practical training undertaken at the student base hospital and record study and reflective material.

Two Day Specialist Modules

The course can be accessed at a pace that suits your training, and the specialist modules covered are: Gastrointestinal and Hepatobiliary, Gynaecological, Breast, Skin, Osteoarticular and Soft Tissues, Genito-Urinary, Exam and Portfolio sessions, Endocrine and Head and Neck.

The course runs successfully as a year-long course for those training towards the Diploma.

People who are new to their role or those who wish to develop their practice over a longer time period may benefit from taking modules as needed, including spreading attendance over 2 or 3 years part-time.

Course Educational Methods

Lectures:

Each day, the students attend sessions designed around the Diploma curriculum on each module, with a taught element followed by questions and discussion.

Group Discussions:

Expert Role BMS and Histopathologists describe their own practice and present approaches for students to determine what may be best practice at their own hospital training base. This includes working through the portfolio in the introductory session.

Interactive Sessions:

Students will use these throughout the course, where applicable, to test their knowledge and practical skills. Example cases will be reviewed with the faculty and students to discuss practical approaches to dissection.

Introductory Modules:

It is not mandatory that individuals wishing to access single day modules attend the first two days, but it is strongly recommended. These days will cover Portfolio compilation and mandatory modules: Anatomical Nomenclature, Pathological Processes, General principles of dissection, surgical techniques and Clinical Governance issues in addition to information around collection of numbers and collection of case details for reports.

Portfolio Exam Review Days:

Students may bring their current portfolios to discuss the best practice in capturing and recording information. If wished, they may have more in-depth scrutiny as to whether they are ready for the RCPATH/IBMS Diploma Examination.

Exam Question Days:

Participants, in conjunction with faculty, will study exam techniques and previous exam questions.

NB All materials provided on the course have previously or are currently available on the IBMS website and we, as a training centre, play no role in the setting of the exam questions. The information provided is meant as guidance with help from past experiences of people who have sat the exam and/or are training staff within their current roles to become dissectors.

Training dates 2018

Month	Date	AM	PM
November	6 th	Introduction to Expert Role Practice. <i>S. Bhattarai</i> Portfolio aspects <i>C. Leng</i> Pathological Terminology & Processes <i>P. DaCosta</i>	Pathological Terminology & Processes <i>P. DaCosta</i> Anatomical Nomenclature <i>M. Fernando</i>
	7 th	Surgical Procedures <i>A Cratchley</i> General Principles of Dissection <i>C. Layton</i>	Clinical Governance <i>C. Leng</i>

Single Day Specialist Modules 2019

Month	Date	AM	PM
January	15 th	Portfolio Preparation, Presentation & Assessment <i>V. McTaggart</i>	Exam Questions <i>V. McTaggart</i>
January	16 th	Head and Neck <i>F. Tahir</i> Endocrine (minus pancreas) <i>F. Tahir</i>	Breast Pathology <i>R. Millican-Slater</i>
March	12 th	Skin <i>S. Edward and B. Mathew</i>	Skin <i>S. Edward and B. Mathew</i>
March	13 th	Gynaecological Pathology <i>S Osborn</i>	Placental Pathology <i>J. Stahllschmidt</i>
May	14 th	Liver <i>J. Wyatt</i> GI Day (includes pancreas) <i>C. Layton</i>	GI Day cont. <i>C. Layton</i>
May	15 th	Genito-Urinary <i>S. Bhattarai and Jo-an Roulson</i>	Osteoarticular and soft tissues <i>P. Bennett</i>
July	9 th & 10 th	Revision Days	Exam Techniques

Faculty members

General and compulsory modules: **Dr S Bhattarai, Dr A Cratchley, Leeds**
Dr P Bennett, Dewsbury
Dr M Fernando, Mr. C. Layton
Mrs C Leng, Sheffield

**Portfolio Preparation,
Presentation & Assessment
Exam Questions** **Mrs V McTaggart, Kilmarnock**

Endocrine, Head and Neck **Dr F Tahir, Sheffield**

Skin **Dr S Edward, Dr B Mathew, Leeds**

Gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary **Mr C Layton, Sheffield**
Dr J Wyatt, Leeds

Osteoarticular and soft tissues **Dr P Bennett, Dewsbury**

Gynaecological **Dr S Osborn, Calderdale**

Placental Pathology **Dr J. Stahlschmidt, Leeds**

Breast **Dr R. Millican Slater, Leeds**

Genito-Urinary **Dr S Bhattarai, Leeds**
Dr Jo-an Roulson, Leeds

Revision

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