ICE: IMMERSIVE CYTOPATHOLOGY EXPERIENCE

SEPTEMBER 14 – 17, 2016

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Pathologists are experiencing a transformative practice change from laboratory diagnosticians to clinical consultants at the center of patient care. This interactive course attempts to provide a real-world clinical training experience from the first encounter with the patient to quality assessment of the final integrated report, and is intended as a training in-depth snapshot of why cytopathology is essential and integral to patient-centered care.

The course integrates the procedural aspects of FNAB with the equally important skills of communication and diagnosis, to prepare pathologists to respond competently to the escalating pressure to acquire diagnostic material for accurate diagnoses, predictive/prognostic information and targeted therapies. **This is the immersive cytopathology experience.**

The United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Physicians can earn a maximum of 23.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* by participating in the CME activities within the September 2016 ICE: Immersive Cytopathology Experience Course.

The USCAP is approved by the American Board of Pathology (ABP) to offer Self-Assessment credits (SAMs) for the purpose of meeting the ABP requirements for Maintenance of Certification (MOC). Registrants must take and pass the post-test in order to claim SAMs credit.

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COURSE LOCATION

USCAP Interactive Center
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USCAP records courses at the Interactive Learning Center for future educational purposes. By registering for this course, you consent that your likeness may be used by USCAP.

CANCELLATION POLICY
For cancellations received on or before August 3, 2016, a $50 administrative charge will be due. After that date, cancellations will be assessed an administrative charge of 25% of the total registration fee.

There will be no refunds for cancellations after the start of the meeting – September 14, 2016.

*The Academy is not responsible for travel expenses incurred as a result of an event cancellation.*
Celeste N. Powers, M.D., Ph.D.

COURSE DIRECTOR

Dr. Powers obtained her M.D. and completed residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at the University of Texas Medical School, Houston, Texas, and a fellowship in cytopathology at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. She began her career as Assistant Professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas and subsequently relocated to the State University of New York Health Science Center in Syracuse, New York, to assume the position of Director of the Cytopathology Laboratory and Fellowship Program, and Medical Director of the Program in Cytotechnology. She returned to the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System in 1998 and is currently Chair of the Division Anatomic Pathology and holds the endowed “Saul Kay Chair in Diagnostic Pathology.”

Dr. Powers’ areas of expertise include: head and neck, respiratory tract, infectious disease and fine needle aspiration biopsy and has co-authored two textbooks, “Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsy of the Head and Neck” and “Salivary Gland Cytopathology,” numerous chapters and over 100 publications. She has been repeatedly listed as one of America’s Top Physicians and Pathologists, as well as in Best Doctors in America.

She has served as an editorial board member for several pathology journals over the years. An Associate Editor of Cancer Cytopathology since its inception in 1996, she has been Editor-in-Chief since 2009. Dr. Powers has held numerous leadership positions including within the ASCP, receiving the George F. Stevenson Distinguished Service Award. She has been an executive board member, officer, and President of the American Society of Cytopathology, receiving the Society’s highest honor, the Papanicolaou Award. Dr. Powers also served on the Executive Board of the Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology and is the 2015 recipient of the L.C. Tao Educator of the Year Award.

Dr. Powers has been an active USCAP educator involved in Specialty Conferences, Companion Societies, a Short Course on Salivary Gland Pathology, the Special Course in Cytopathology.

For years she directed the USCAP Diagnostic Cytopathology Course. She has had numerous leadership roles in USCAP beginning with the Abstract Review Board and as a moderator of platform and specialty conferences and has participated in the inauguration of the USCAP Foundation. She served on the Education and Membership Committees, as well as, on Council. She received the 2012 F.K. Mostofi Distinguished Service Award, served as USCAP President from 2014–2015 and was honored with the 2016 President’s Award.
David B. Kaminsky, M.D., FIAC
COURSE DIRECTOR

Dr. David B. Kaminsky assumed responsibilities of the Executive Vice President of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology on July 1, 2014. Prior to his affiliation with USCAP, Dr. Kaminsky was a community-based pathologist in Palm Springs, California, with an academic perspective focused on education and patient-centered care. He served as Chairman of the Department of Pathology at Eisenhower Medical Center for 28 years and then established a private practice laboratory dedicated to surgical pathology and ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration biopsy.

During his tenure at the Eisenhower Medical Center, he served on the Board of Directors of the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences where he conceived and launched the teleconference series for the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC), and subsequently, Africa Calls, a distance learning endeavor that brings continuing medical education to 22 sites in Africa, initially funded by the Annenberg Center and now by ASCP.

As a pioneer in fine needle aspiration biopsy, he published Aspiration Biopsy for the Community Hospital in 1981 and collaborated with Dr. William J. Frable in numerous lectures and workshops to promote acceptance of aspiration biopsy as a cost–conservative, minimally invasive diagnostic technique.

Dr. Kaminsky served as President of the American Society of Cytopathology and received the Papanicolaou Award and the President’s Award. He was the inaugural President of the ASC Foundation. He is past–President and a current active Board member of the California Society of Pathologists.

He has lectured throughout the world on fine needle aspiration biopsy, and is the 2015 recipient of the Yolanda Oertel Interventional Cytopathologist of the Year Award of the Papanicolaou Society and the 2016 recipient of the Maurice Goldblatt Cytology Award of the International Academy of Cytology.

His varied interests outside medicine include documentary film making (Academy Award Nomination for the film, short documentary category; Emmy Nomination for Executive Producer, feature documentary; Special Jury Prize for short documentary, Palm Springs International Festival of Short Films), organization of film festivals, Italian cinema and cinematography (Palm Springs International Film Festival, Bangkok International Film Festival, American Film Institute, Palm Springs Art Museum).

He was awarded the distinguished Cavaliere della Repubblica medal by the Italian government for his work in medicine and the arts, particularly Italian cinema and a Congressional Award for Medicine by the US government.
Ronald Balassanian, M.D.

Ron Balassanian has been teaching practicing pathologists, fellows, residents and medical students how to perform and interpret fine needle aspiration biopsy for over 15 years. He is currently an Associate Professor of Pathology at the University of California San Francisco, a member of the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center and the UCSF Global Oncology Steering Program. He has been a member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Breast Panel since 2014.

Ron started his training in Pathology as a student fellow at the University of Vermont, completed one year of residency at New York University, and finished his training in anatomic and clinical pathology with fellowship training in surgical pathology and cytopathology at UCSF. Prior to returning to UCSF, he was an Assistant Pathologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Instructor at Harvard Medical School. Prior to MGH, he was an Assistant Professor at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the director of the Fine Needle Aspiration Clinic. Ron was the recipient of two awards at MGH and UPMC for excellence in teaching. He was a member of the founding class of the College of American Pathologists Advanced Practical Pathology Program on Ultrasound Guided Fine Needle Aspiration in 2009 and is currently a faculty member for the course. In addition, he has led workshops in FNA biopsy and US guidance for the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology Diagnostic Cytology Course in 2014 as well as for the American Society for Cytology Annual meeting for the last 5 years. Ron’s research and clinical work are focused on improving patient communication through education about pathology. FNA biopsy crosses the divide between the pathologist and the patient and provides for an opportunity to connect the patient with his or her diagnosis. He has investigated ways to improve and refine FNA biopsy and perform ancillary studies on small samples, as well as, effective methods for teaching FNA techniques and improving patient–pathologist communication.

William Faquin, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Faquin is the Director of Head and Neck Pathology at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and a subspecialty pathologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. He is a Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School, and is recognized for his dedication to teaching and contributions to the field of head and neck pathology and cytology. He has authored over 250 peer-reviewed publications, and has co-authored books on head and neck cytopathology, salivary gland cytopathology, and thyroid cytopathology. Dr. Faquin is currently the co-chair of the College of American Pathologists Evidence-Based Guidelines Committee developing national guidelines for the testing of head and neck squamous cell carcinomas for high-risk HPV. He is also co-chair of the Milan System for Reporting Salivary Gland Cytology sponsored by the ASC and IAC. Dr. Faquin has been selected as successor to Dr. Celeste N. Powers as Editor-in-Chief of Cancer Cytopathology.
Yaël K. Heher, M.D., MPH, FRCPC

Dr. Yaël K. Heher is an anatomic pathologist and the Medical Director of Quality Improvement (AP/CP) in the Department of Pathology at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts.

Heher received her medical training at McGill University and completed her residency in anatomic pathology at the Montreal General Hospital, both in Montreal, Canada. She was the Robert T. McCluskey fellow in medical renal pathology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and a graduate of the inaugural class of the Harvard Medical School fellowship in Quality and Patient Safety, a program designed to train a cadre of physician–scholars prepared to lead operational improvement efforts within the Harvard system and across the nation. She received her Master of Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health with a thesis aimed at health systems improvement.

Heher’s main administrative focus and particular interest is in the role of quality assurance and quality improvement in the pathology laboratory, including specific skills for effective change and leadership. Her clinical focus is on medical non–tumor renal pathology, including glomerulonephritides, tubulointerstitial and vascular disease of the kidney, diabetes and transplant renal pathology.

Britt-Marie E. Ljung, M.D.

Dr. Britt-Marie E. Ljung obtained her M.D. from the Karolinska Institute and she completed two years of cytopathology fellowship at the Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden, under Torsten Löwhagen and residency in Anatomic Pathology at the University of California at Los Angeles. She has served on the faculty at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) since 1983. Before retiring from full time work in 2014, she served as Director of the Cytopathology Fellowship, Director of the Division of Cytopathology and Vice Chair of the Department of Pathology.

A key focus for Dr. Ljung continues to be improvement of specimen procurement as a critical element in optimizing accuracy of FNA cytology, and she designed, wrote and created a DVD on FNA sampling and preparation technique. She worked with the College of American Pathologists (CAP) to create/write and serve as faculty on the AP3 program/course on Ultrasound Guided FNA for pathologists. For this she received the CAP 2010 Excellence in Education Award. Other awards include the Interventional Cytopathologist of the Year in 2010 and the Lifetime Achievement 2014, both from the Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology (PSC). She is the 2015 recipient of the Papanicolaou Award of the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC), the highest award given by that society.

She is a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of the American Society of Cytopathology, Cancer Cytopathology, Diagnostic Cytopathology and Acta Cytologica,

Dr. Ljung has taught FNA cytology in Ghana and Peru in an effort to provide improved and cost effective diagnostic services for patients in underserved low and middle income areas.
Miguel A. Sanchez, M.D.

Dr. Miguel A. Sanchez received his medical degree from the "Universidad Complutense" in Madrid, Spain. After a brief period of practice in Internal Medicine and Cardiology, he emigrated to the USA to complete his Pathology training at Temple University in Philadelphia and at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York City. He trained in fine needle aspiration biopsy at The Karolinska Hospital during several visits to Sweden in the 1980s.

He is Chief of Pathology and Medical Director of the Leslie Simon Breast Care and Cytodiagnosis Center at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center (since 1990). The Center cared for over 55,000 Patients in 2015.

Dr. Sanchez holds professorial appointments at both the Icahn Mount Sinai School of Medicine and New York University. During his career he has lectured hundreds of times on the five continents, not only in Pathology, but also on the intersection of Medicine with the Humanities, mainly Music, Opera and Egyptology, including "key-note speaker" at several international meetings. He collaborated with Dr. Britt-Marie Ljung in development of the College of American Pathologists’ US–Guided FNA Course for Pathologists, at which he taught for many years.

Awarded the First Yolanda Oertel Interventional Pathologist of the Year in 2003, he also received the Gold Medal of the Chinese Society of Medical Science for his efforts organizing the first course on AIDS in Beijing. The President of Nicaragua granted him the Medal of Medical Merit and the College of American Pathologists honored him with the 2010 Excellence in Education Award. As an active member of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War–Physicians for Social Responsibility, an association awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985, Dr. Sanchez was one of the physicians acknowledged with a personal diploma bearing the coveted Nobel seal recognizing his involvement in that work.

Mikhail Tismenetsky, M.D.

Dr. Tismenetsky is a pathologist at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center who has a particular interest in ultrasound guided fine needle aspiration biopsies. He is a recipient of College of American Pathologists Excellence in Education Award for his contribution to the development of the ultrasound guided fine needle aspiration certificate program. He has been a faculty member of the USFNA course for the past 6 years and has taught this technique to hundreds of pathologists.

Dr. Tismenetsky received his medical degree at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. He subsequently completed residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and oncologic pathology fellowship at Memorial Sloan–Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Tismenetsky holds an assistant clinical professor appointment at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital.