



NEWSLETTER

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CP Curriculum and the RISE Examination

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The ACLPS CP Curriculum document is now due to be published simultaneously in *AJCP Pathology Pattern Reviews*, *Clinical Chemistry* and in a special education supplement to *Human Pathology*, likely in the June issue of these journals. Through the kindness of *Clinical Chemistry*, a preprint version is available on the ACLPS web page (go to www.aclps.org and look under CP Curriculum or go directly to:

<http://depts.washington.edu/lmacpls/curric.html>

The article will remain available to the world on the ACLPS web page for the foreseeable future (it will be available regardless of whether one has a subscription or institutional subscription to the various journals). Comments on the curriculum are already appearing. There will be a Point/Counterpoint pair of articles in *Clinical Chemistry* – one by Eline T. Luning Prak, Jason Park, Gordon Yu, and Irving Nachamkin and the counterpoint by Wells and Smith. We have also established an open interactive listserv for discussion of all educational issues in Laboratory Medicine (not just residency issues) that one can sign up for from the same ACLPS web page or by going

directly to:

<http://mailman.yale.edu/mailman/listinfo/labmeded-list>

There are currently 75 subscribers – all are welcome to join in. The listserv is an experiment – we will keep it going for at least six months and then decide whether to continue or not based on the traffic on the listserv.

The spring RISE (resident in-service) examination is another successful educational project for ACLPS. As you know, the examination is now a joint effort of ASCP, ACLPS and ADASP and when residents take the examination the three organizations are all mentioned prominently in the introductory screens. For those of you who wrote questions that were included in this spring's exam, your name and affiliation are also displayed. It's an impressive list of contributors and everyone involved is extremely pleased with the results of the collaborative effort. The effort has also created a bank of future questions so if your questions do not appear this year they will in

the future. Thanks again to everyone (don't worry, we'll be soliciting your help again starting in late spring / early summer and hope that others will also come on board to help write questions for this important educational exercise.)

If you would like to be involved in the RISE project, you can email:

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Job Opportunity

Senior Medical Director VP of Diagnostic Labs



The diagnostic laboratories of the BloodCenter of Wisconsin (BCW) are some of the most highly regarded reference laboratories in the nation. The hallmark of the laboratories is innovation. BCW Labs have a reputation for translating the latest scientific discoveries into specialized diagnostic testing. BCW Labs offer an array of esoteric testing in the areas of transplantation, hemostasis, immunology and molecular diagnostics.

BCW is recruiting a Senior Medical Director and VP of Diagnostic Labs. We are looking for a physician scientist with expertise in esoteric reference lab testing who has a proven record of translating esoteric testing into marketable products and services.

This position is a direct report to the CEO of the BloodCenter. The VP of Diagnostic Labs will direct the activities of seven BCW laboratories with over 100 employees. The position affords the opportunity to direct a laboratory in your own area of expertise. An academic affiliation with the Medical College of Wisconsin is available.

Requirements are an MD or MD/PhD with board certification in clinical pathology or hematology. A successful candidate will have extensive experience in clinical laboratory medicine with senior management experience and a leadership role in a reference laboratory business. An attractive compensation/benefit program, including performance incentives will be provided.

If you would like more information, please contact Charles Humes at FOX HILL ASSOCIATES, 9910 W Layton Avenue, Greenfield, WI 53228, (800) 338-7107 or email chumes@foxhillassociates.com.

Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists 41st Annual Meeting

Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel
Chicago, Illinois June 1-3, 2006

The University of Chicago will host the 41st Annual Meeting of the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists (ACLPS). On Friday morning, presentations by ACLPS Young Investigators will cover new developments across a wide area of Laboratory Medicine, including Hematology, Chemistry, Immunology, Transfusion Medicine, Microbiology, and Molecular Diagnostics. The Friday afternoon plenary session will feature a series of highly distinguished speakers who will discuss the emerging roles of genomics, proteomics, microRNA and siRNA in Laboratory Medicine. On Saturday morning there will be a special Symposium devoted to the Clinical Pathology Curriculum.

After this conference, participants will be able to:

- Discuss recent developments in Laboratory Medicine related to Hematology, Chemistry, Immunology, Transfusion Medicine, Microbiology, or Molecular Diagnostics.
- Describe emerging technologies that are being applied to the diagnosis of disease, including genomics, proteomics, and the use of microRNA and siRNA.
- Discuss the implications for resident training arising from publication of the new ACLPS-sponsored clinical pathology curriculum.

Please join us for what promises to be a very interesting program!

Accreditation and Credit Designation

The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 10 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Registration

Participation in the ACLPS 41st Annual Meeting is limited to registered participants. Meeting attendance is open to non-members as well as to members of ACLPS. Full meeting registration includes admission to all sessions, group meal functions and social events as well as meeting materials. Guests of full meeting registrants may attend the Thursday evening Welcome Reception and Friday evening Awards Banquet for an additional fee of \$50 per person and \$125 per person, respectively.

A partial registration option is available for Friday afternoon (1pm – 5pm) and Saturday morning (8:30am – 12noon) at \$75.00 per session and includes lecture materials and breaks.

ACLPS Young Investigator Award Winners: Please complete the registration form. Registration fees will be waived.

As space is limited, early registration is suggested. To cancel your registration, you must submit notice in writing. A \$100 cancellation fee will be applied to cancellations received before May 15. No fees will be refunded for cancellations received after May 15.

Air Travel Information

For your convenience, N.E.W.S. Travel, Inc. is available to assist you in making travel arrangements. Their professional staff is trained to find the best airfares and will offer the lowest available rate on any scheduled airline at the time of ticket purchase. Contact them as early as possible, as fares with the best price may be limited. Call N.E.W.S. Travel toll free 1-800-222-1060 or book online at www.travelgalileo.com/newstravelmgmt When calling, have your dates, preferred travel time, frequent flyer number, seat preference, and credit card available.

Transportation from O'Hare Airport or Chicago Midway

Continental Airport Express provides shuttle service to and from both Chicago airports to the Hyatt Chicago Hotel. One way service is approximately \$21 per person. For reservations and additional information: <http://www.airportexpress.com/> or 888-2THEVAN (888-284-3826).

Private limo service can be arranged through the hotel limo service at hyattlimo@yahoo.com or 312-565-4435.

Taxis are also available from both airports for approximately \$30 - \$50 each way.

Train from O'Hare Airport (\$2 each way): Terminal is on level below baggage claim area (follow signs to C.T.A.). Take the Blue Line to Clark & Lake stop (approximately 6 blocks from hotel). Walk 1 block North to Wacker, turn right, and then walk East on Wacker, crossing Michigan Avenue, to the hotel.

Train from Midway Airport (\$2 each way): Take the Orange Line to the State & Lake stop (approximately 5 blocks from hotel). Walk 1 block North to Wacker, turn right, and then walk East on Wacker, crossing Michigan Avenue, to the hotel.

2006 ACLPS Annual Meeting Program

Hosted by the University of Chicago

[Hyatt Regency Hotel](#)

June 1-3, 2006, Chicago, IL

Thursday, June 1, 2006

3:00pm – 5:00pm Executive Council Meeting
3:00pm – 6:00pm Registration
6:00pm – 8:30pm Welcome Reception
The Mid-America Club
200 East Randolph Drive, 80th Floor

Friday, June 2, 2006

7:30am – 8:30am Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:30am – 9:45am Young Investigator Presentations (5 simultaneous sessions)
9:45am – 10:15am Break
10:15am – 11:45am Young Investigator Presentations (5 simultaneous sessions)
11:45am – 1:00pm Lunch
1:00pm – 2:00pm **Cotlove Award Lecture**
David Ginsburg, M.D.
James V. Neel Distinguished University Professor
Departments of Internal Medicine and Human Genetics
University of Michigan
"Identifying Novel Genetic Determinants of Hemostatic Balance"

2:00pm – 2:15pm Break
2:15pm – 3:00pm **Janet Rowley, M.D.**
Blum-Riese Distinguished Service Professor
Departments of Medicine and Human Genetics
University of Chicago
"MicroRNA and siRNA: A New Frontier in Laboratory Diagnostics"

3:00pm – 3:30pm Break
3:30pm – 4:15pm **James Musser, M.D., Ph.D.**
Fondren Foundation Distinguished Endowed Chair and
Vice-Chair, Department of Pathology
The Methodist Hospital Research Institute
*"Towards a Genome-Wide System Biology Analysis of Host-Pathogen
Interactions in Group A Streptococcus, the Flesh-Eater"*

4:15pm – 5:00pm **Richard Caprioli, Ph.D.**
Stanley Cohen Professor of Biochemistry
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
"Proteomics: Protein Imaging and Profiling"

6:00pm – 10:30pm Cocktail Reception, Gallery Viewing, and Banquet
The Art Institute of Chicago
111 South Michigan Avenue

Saturday, June 3, 2006

- 7:15 am – 8:15 am Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:15 am – 9:00 am First Annual Ellis Benson Award Lecture
9:00 am – 9:50 am **Special ACLPS Symposium on the CP Curriculum: Part I**
Brian R. Smith, M.D.
Professor and Vice-Chair
Department of Laboratory Medicine
Yale School of Medicine
“Introduction to ACLPS Review of the CP Curriculum”
Alan Wells, M.D., D.M.S.
Thomas J. Gill III Professor of Pathology and Vice Chairman
Department of Pathology
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
“Can we Achieve AP-CP Competence in 48 Months?”
- 9:50 am – 10:10 am Break
10:10am – 11:00am **Special ACLPS Symposium on the CP Curriculum: Part II**
Barbara McKenna, M.D.
Associate Professor of Pathology
University of Michigan
“Resident Training and Performance on the RISE Exam”
Steven Spitalnik, M.D.
Professor of Pathology and Vice-Chairman for Laboratory Medicine
Columbia University Medical Center
“Integrated Pathology Training—a Contrary Proposal?”
- 11:00am – 12noon **Special ACLPS Symposium on the CP Curriculum: Part III**
Open Discussion
- 12noon – 1:30pm Business Meeting (Lunch provided)
2:00pm – 4:00pm Executive Council Meeting