

I would like to thank the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information for the generous travel award and opportunity to attend the 2009 College of American Pathologist's meeting in Washington D.C. At this meeting, I presented my poster on a case presentation entitled "Human Pythoisis in a Bone Marrow Transplant Recipient." Additionally, I was able to attend much of the conference, trying to absorb the nuances of various already-challenging topics, from "Salivary Gland Neoplasia" to "Medical Liver". I was humbled by the vast knowledge of the eminent pathologists leading these sessions- and quickly reminded how much I have yet to master. At an evening session with keynote speaker Captain Jerry Linenger, a retired United States Navy flight surgeon and NASA astronaut, I was again humbled by the heroism that the astronauts exhibited while on space shuttle Mir. Captain Linenger's speech highlighted the tenacity of man and courage of the human spirit. I was inspired by the recipients of the CAP lifetime achievement awards. It is amazing to learn how these individuals have contributed to the scientific field at large, as well as the daily practice of pathology.

I am thankful for this learning and networking opportunity. It is invigorating to see pathologists working toward the mutual goals of excellence in diagnostics and patient care. I am honored and proud to be a part of our profession. I would not have been able to attend this conference without the travel grant from the ICPI.

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