

To Whom It May Concern:

ASCP 2010 in San Francisco, CA, was a very good academic experience. I have learned a great deal from the meeting. With the exception of the time I spent presenting my two research posters, I spent the remainder of my time attending the excellent, comprehensive educational courses; seminars; and industry presentations.

One of the most important concepts that I attained from this ASCP 2010 annual meeting was that in order to be a really strong pathologist, I need to work harder and smarter at my anatomic and clinical pathology studies; research; and clinical work. We need to understand the rapidly advancing technology very quickly to be able to perform our daily work as pathologists in an exemplary fashion. For example, the advances in molecular diagnostics, cytogenetics, and immunohistochemistry are crucial to grasp to be able to function effectively as pathologists for our patients. Our clinician colleagues trust our diagnoses and base their patients' treatment options on the pathologic information we present to them, and our diagnoses are founded on these new, advancing technologies, which make our diagnoses more accurate and personalized for the patients. These specific diagnoses are critical because treatment options have also been advancing and are also specific for the more advanced pathologic diagnoses that are now available due to our advancing technology.

The ASCP 2010 annual meeting has been a milestone in my pathology career. As a PGY-III resident, I learned how to get the most benefit out of my remaining training time and how to focus on the specialty that I have decided to pursue and practice. Due to this meeting, I also broadened my views of the pathology field and discovered some potential opportunities for pathology training electives that can enrich my training prior to my graduation. This is important because every academic institution has unique teaching and educational opportunities. Thus, we can learn the diversification of teaching methods and practice styles within the wide realm of pathology. This can benefit our future work after we become pathologists and professors and are developing our own practice, teaching, and research styles.

In summary, I learned a lot in the ASCP 2010 annual meeting in San Francisco, CA. The teaching, the education, and the updated technology from industry shows were excellent and extremely informative. As the resident representative to ASCP for my training program, I plan to go to the ASCP 2011 annual meeting to learn and mature more in the innovative field of pathology, and I will share what I learn with my resident colleagues so that they can also enrich their pathology training and become qualified, cutting-edge pathologists in their future careers, which is what I plan to do. Thank you for helping me experience this excellent meeting that will make a lasting impression on my practice of pathology and medicine in my future career.

Thank you,

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