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I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the 2010 annual USCAP meeting in Washington, DC. I was my first opportunity to attend a national pathology meeting, and I must say that I had a wonderful time. During the meeting on Sunday afternoon I was able to attend the gastrointestinal companion meeting where I was able to hear world-renowned pathologists lecture on many fascinating topics including diagnostic challenges to the field as well as new and evolving concepts. On Monday morning, I presented my poster on basal-like triple negative breast carcinoma titled "Degree of Intratumoral EGFR and Cytokeratin 5/6 Expression Is Significantly Associated with Nodal and Distant Metastases in Patients with Basal-Like Triple-Negative Breast Carcinoma" at the Stowell-Orbison award poster session. During the poster session I was able to meet many people with whom I was able to share my findings regarding my project as well as gain insight on new ideas for future projects. On Wednesday morning, I was able attend the short course "Evolving Concepts in Colorectal Neoplasia: A survival Guide for 2010." It was an excellent session hosted by Dr. Wendy Frankel and Dr. Andrew Bellizzi. The session provided great information on the most recent ways to approach colorectal cancer cases as well as identifying polyposis syndromes.

During the remainder of my time at the meeting, I was able to attend many different poster sessions, meet with various vendors offering new and exciting products, as well as attend the fellowship fair. I also had an opportunity to enjoy many of the sights and wonderful food that Washington, DC has to offer. Most importantly, I had a wonderful time meeting many different pathologists and residents from all over the world.

I sincerely appreciate the ICPI Trainee Travel Award, which helped make my trip possible. It was a wonderful educational experience, and I hope to continue to attend many pathology meetings in the future.

Thank you,

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