

I would like to thank the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information for the generous travel award and opportunity to attend the 2011 College of American Pathologist's meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. At this meeting, I presented four posters (three as first author and one as second author) including on a case presentation entitled "An uncommon cause of abdominal pain-Primary signet-ring cell carcinoma of Meckel's diverticulum." Additionally, I was able to attend much of the conference, trying to absorb the nuances of various already-challenging topics. I particularly enjoyed the workshop conducted by Drs Wojcik and Yong on fungal infections. I was humbled by the vast knowledge of the eminent pathologists leading these sessions- and quickly reminded how much I have yet to master. 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. I was able to meet a number of fellowship program directors at the meeting.

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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