

To

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Dr. Mark Sobel
Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI)
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Dear ICPI Board,

Thank you for awarding me the travel grant to attend the national meet of College of American Pathologists (CAP'11) recently held in Grapevine, Texas.

This award gave me the opportunity to present my poster titled "Hyperplastic Arteriolitis Supports the Presence of Humoral Rejection in Renal Transplants". In our study, we proposed that the histologic feature of hyperplastic arteriolitis is suggestive of endothelial injury caused by humoral rejection and that the presence of this feature should instigate further testing for the patient. It was very exciting to communicate this with a very interested audience and receive feedback. The poster sessions also helped me understand the current topics of interest and research pursued in pathology.

Being a second year resident, I benefitted professionally by attending the educational courses encompassing a broad range of topics from morphology to latest tool molecular diagnostics in various diseases. I was able to be a part and understand the transformation currently being experienced by pathology, and how we as pathologists have to gear towards this inevitable change. I thoroughly enjoyed providing face to face consultation to a standardized patient suffering from breast cancer. It was a fantastic opportunity to network with leaders in academia, industry as well as fellow residents.

Attending the CAP'11 meet was a very valuable professional experience for me, especially early in my career. I thank you again for awarding this grant which helped the financial aspect to attend the meet.

Sincerely,

Vidya Nagrale