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Intersociety Council for Pathology Information
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Dear Members of ICPI,

I would like to thank you for the financial support, allowing me to attend the 2012 annual USCAP meeting in Vancouver, BC, Canada. The meeting was a valuable part of my education on multiple levels.

From a didactic perspective, the USCAP meeting provided world-class lectures and speakers. The week began with notable faculty covering both broad and cutting edge topics throughout the companion meetings. The Arthur Purdy-Stout meeting in particular offered a terrific review of the various familial cancer syndromes. As the week progressed, I found my way to many resident-centric long and short courses. These included a malignant lymphoma long course, which increased my knowledge base in hematopathology, which I hope to pursue as a subspecialty. Finally, the platform presentations provided an opportunity to identify the “hot topics” in each subspecialty, including some which were intensely debated.

Aside from the outstanding lectures, the meeting provided me an opportunity to fine tune my research. During my two poster presentations, I received feedback from faculty and residents from all over the globe. This experience made me aware of the impression my projects will make on practicing pathologists. These discussions will certainly be reflected in my manuscripts as I move forward with these projects.

Finally, the meeting was a fantastic networking opportunity, allowing me to meet attendings and residents from many of the finest institutions in North America. In addition to aiding in my professional development, I believe a closely-knit pathology community is good for the profession as a whole. Thank you very much for making my participation in such an event possible.

Sincerely,

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