PAON 921: DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY

This elective is designed to introduce the 4th year medical student to the practice of pathology and the role of the pathologist in diagnosis and management, and will provide exposure to several subspecialty areas within the pathology department.

In surgical pathology, students will have the opportunity for a range of experiences, including supervised prosection of surgical specimens, microscopic evaluations, frozen section evaluations, ancillary techniques, and participation in the “sign-out” of surgical cases with the attending staff. Participation in autopsy procedures will take place as available. In hematopathology, the student will participate in the diagnosis of blood and bone marrow disorders and take part in daily sign-out of bone marrow biopsy specimens. In cytology, the student will assist in the work up and sign out of gynecologic and non-gynecologic cytopathologic specimens and participate in FNA procedures.

Prerequisite: Completion of core clinical clerkships.

Rotation experiences available during PAON 921:
- Surgical pathology
- Intraoperative frozen section diagnosis
- Autopsy
- Hematopathology
- Cytopathology
- Fine needle aspiration (FNA) biopsy procedure

PAON 922: SPECIAL TOPICS IN PATHOLOGY

This rotation affords the student the opportunity to spend four weeks focused on a particular subspecialty of pathology or a pathology-based research elective. The rotation consists of daily interpretation of subspecialty biopsies, participation in subspecialty conferences, slide set study, and assigned readings. Students participate in their own learning by setting their rotation objectives with faculty at the start of their elective and following through with a schedule of clinical, laboratory and core lecture conferences. Students will need to obtain the appropriate staff members’ permission for the rotation as follows: dermatopathology (Garth Fraga); neuropathology (Kathy Newell); renal pathology (Timothy Fields); breast pathology (Fang Fan); hepatic pathology (Maura O’Neil).

Prerequisites: Completion of the core clinical clerkships and permission of the faculty.

Subspecialty experiences available for PAON 922:
- Dermatopathology
- Neuropathology
- Renal pathology
- Breast pathology
- Hepatic pathology
- Research

If you have questions about the program or wish to apply, please contact:

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