

## Surgical Pathology of the Gastrointestinal Tract



**Course Director:**  
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**April 30 – May 4, 2012**  
The Millennium Knickerbocker  
Chicago, Illinois

**Course Fee:**  
**ASCP Members: \$1239**  
**Nonmembers: \$1619**  
**Residents: \$620**

The huge increase in the numbers of biopsies, together with the rapidly changing field of endoscopic and therapeutic techniques in all facets of gastroenterology, means that diagnostic criteria are continually updated, especially in biopsy interpretation. Additionally, descriptive terms (e.g. chronic colitis) as diagnoses without interpretation are increasingly regarded with suspicion. Attend this five day course to learn how the experts interpret biopsies and receive practical advice about preparing reports, including macros that you can use in your own sign out.

You will be challenged to re-examine the criteria you use for signout. You will review cases blindly and determine exactly where you are morphologically, what the normal should be for that site, what the changes are and how to interpret them in order to subsequently make the clinical correlation and find out how your diagnoses measure up against the experts. Gain a comprehensive understanding of common problems and traps that potentially await you so that you can feel confident in your diagnoses.

Get valuable guidance in challenging areas that can directly affect patient management and outcomes including the new diagnostic criteria for Barrett's esophagus; the diagnosis of dysplasia tumors and inflammatory diseases in all parts of the GI tract, including lymphocytic disorders; and follow-up of MALT and other lymphomas. Discussions will focus on the rapidly expanding and evolving field of therapeutic endoscopic techniques, including problems you may encounter in biopsies following the use of ablative techniques.

### Following this course, you will be able to:

- Appreciate exactly where you are throughout the GI tract, and recognize the normal morphology of each area.
- Improve your diagnostic skills and re-assess how you sign out cases.
- Interpret biopsies rather than using a list of descriptive terms and comprehend why you need to make this change.
- Apply a systematic approach to diagnosis of biopsies that reduces risk of error and maximizes diagnostic information.
- Identify and apply diagnostic criteria methodologically for inflammatory conditions of the esophagus, stomach, and small and large intestine, and anal region.
- Evaluate and apply classification systems for the common inflammatory and neoplastic conditions of the esophagus, stomach, small and large intestines, appendix and anal region.
- Differentiate features based on fact from those based on tradition.
- Understand the clinical implications of a diagnosis.
- Use the criteria for premalignant lesions of the GI tract to identify them, assign a histologic grade to them, explain their prognostic and therapeutic significance and management implications, and deal with problems occurring in post-ablative biopsies.
- Assess the role iatrogenic diseases and drugs/medications play in GI disorders.



### Course Schedule

Monday, May 23		
Looking at the Gut: Endoscopic Practices, Developments, and Implications for Pathology	Wilfred M. Weinstein, MD	8:30am–12:00pm
Options for Examining and Reporting Biopsies	Robert H. Riddell, MD, FRCPath, FASCP	
Handling Biopsies, Inflammatory and Neoplastic Lesions of the Squamous Esophagus, GERD	Mary P. Bronner, MD, FASCP	
BE, Diagnosis, Dysplasia, and Its Management	Mary P. Bronner, MD, FASCP	1:30–5:00pm
Tuesday, May 1		
Gastritis: Classification, Diagnosis, Dealing with Problem Biopsies	Hala M.T. El-Zimaity, MD	8:30am–12:00pm
Gastric Polyps and Tumors	Gregory Y. Lauwers, MD	1:30–5:00pm
Wednesday, May 2		
Inflammatory Diseases of the Small Bowel	Joel K. Greenson, MD, FASCP	8:30am–12:00pm
Tumors of the Intestines, Appendix, and Anus	Henry D. Appelman, MD, MASC	1:30–5:00pm
Thursday, May 3		
Pathology of Infectious Colitis, Vascular, and Motility Disorders	Robert E. Petras, MD, FASCP	8:30am–12:00pm
IBD: Differential Diagnosis and Traps in Diagnosis—Indeterminate Colitis	Robert H. Riddell, MD, FRCPath, FASCP	1:30–5:00pm
Friday, May 4		
Lymphoproliferative Disorders of the Gut	Peter M. Banks, MD, FASCP	8:30am–12:00pm
Unknown and Consultative Cases	Robert H. Riddell, MD, FRCPath, FASCP	

### Who should attend?

Pathologists, Pathology Residents, Gastroenterologists, and Pathologists' Assistants



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