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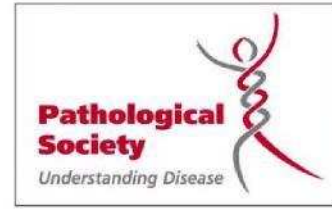
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A Research Career in Pathology

Abstract Text

The number of trainee histopathologists actively engaging in research has risen over recent years following the introduction of a defined academic training pathway and the support of bodies like the Pathological Society. A research career is exceptionally rewarding and offers the chance to undertake potentially ground breaking research alongside clinical training. An interest in histopathology research can begin as an undergraduate and a number of opportunities exist to allow students to explore a research career and embed themselves within academic histopathology groups at an early stage. Most medical schools offer special study modules where students can apply to do a piece of research in an area of interest. Several students also opt to undertake research placements during the summer holidays. This can be taken further with a full year out from a medical degree to intercalate a BSc/MRes, or even undertake a three year Doctoral degree. Following university, academic foundation placements allow for a four month period of research and lead into specialist training pathways where further experience can be gained as an academic clinical fellow (ACF), with up to 25% of time spent in research. This is usually followed by three years out of clinical training to complete a higher degree and leads into a clinical lectureship (CL) where 50% of time is spent undertaking research at an increasingly independent level. ACF and CL opportunities are advertised across the UK in centres of academic excellence. On completion of clinical training, a senior lectureship allows continuation of academic activities at a senior level alongside working as an NHS consultant. A research career is stimulating and varied, and offers the chance to undertake research in a world class environment.