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Death Investigation: fitting the pieces of the puzzle

On December 8, 2006, approximately 100 law enforcement officers, forensic scientists, attorneys, coroners, scene investigators, and physicians gathered at the City Hotel and Bistro in Greenville, North Carolina. This was no crime scene or mass fatality, but a conference on death investigation directed by the Department of Pathology's Doctor M. G. F. Gilliland.

The conference focused on the latest information in forensic science and forensic medicine, and included sessions on fire related deaths, risks associated with crime scenes, testifying in court, mass fatalities, street drugs and death, death in custody, and critical incidence stress management.

Program faculty included Doctor Susan M. Weiss, Clinical Instructor and Pathology Resident in the Brody School of Medicine - Pitt County Memorial Hospital training program. Other program faculty included Doctor John Butts, Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Medical Examiner, Clark Everett, JD, District Attorney District 3A, Ralph Mendenhall, Corporal, Greenville Police Department, Glenn Perry, JD, Chief District Attorney, District 3A, Chuck Owens, Captain, EMS Manager, Greenville Fire and Rescue, Kimberly Robb, JD, Assistant District Attorney, District 3A, and Ruth Winecker, PhD, Chief Toxicologist, Office of the Medical Examiner.

West visiting professor at UNC Chapel Hill

On November 10, 2006, Doctor R. Lee West, Professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, was an invited guest of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Department of Pathology. Doctor West made a presentation to house staff and faculty on "Parathyroid Carcinoma," and met with the Director of Surgical Pathology and toured the lab's immunohistochemistry section. Doctor West is no stranger to Chapel Hill. He received his BS degree in 1956, his MD degree in 1959, and completed his residency training in 1964, all at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



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Congratulations!

Doctor Joseph Pestaner was appointed Associate Director of the Pathology Residency Training Program.



Doctor R. Lee West was appointed Pathologist in Charge of the Surgical Pathology Prosection Area.



Doctor Lorita Rebellato had the following manuscript published: Cai J, Terasaki PI, Mao Q, Pham T, El-Awar N, Lee JH, and Rebellato L. Development of Nondonor-Specific HLA-DR Antibodies in Allograft Recipients is Associated with Shared Epitopes with Mismatched Donor DR Antigens. American Journal of Transplantation 6 (12): 2947-2954, 2006



Doctor Demet Sag is a new Research Associate in the Bode Lab working on stabilizing pathogen-sensing B-cells for the CANARY project funded by Innovative Biosensors, Inc.

Register gets Masters in Vocational Ed

Ms. Kristina Register, Pathology Course Coordinator, completed requirements for a Masters Degree in Vocational Education - Information Technologies. The degree prepares professional personnel for community college teaching, business, and industry, and is offered through the Department of Business, Career and Technical Education at East Carolina University. The program of study included courses in technical education and information technology.



Pathology faculty, residents and spouses enjoy the holiday spirit at the Emerge Gallery. The event, hosted by Amy and Peter Kragel, has been held at the gallery for the past three years.