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Schering-Plough Biopharma and ECU Pathology Agree

Schering-Plough Biopharma and ECU Pathology have entered into a research agreement. Under the agreement, ECU Pathology provides Schering-Plough with materials to support its on-going research. Dr. Joseph Pestaner and Dr. Peter Kragel are co-principal Investigators.

“We hope that this agreement will lead to even more collaboration and joint research between ECU Pathology and Schering-Plough,” said Peter

Kragel, who is also the department chair.

Schering-Plough Biopharma is a global science-based health care company. The company spends about 2 billion dollars annually on research and development. Their present research efforts focus on small molecules and biologics to treat a wide variety of medical conditions. The company also supports an international post-doctoral research fellowship program.

Strausbauch and Kragel speak at new frontiers meeting

The Association of Pathology Chairs hosted its 2007 Annual meeting in Colorado Springs from July 18-21, 2007. The meeting, which includes sections composed of course directors, program directors, and pathology department administrators, was focused on “New Frontiers for Pathology Education.”

ECU Pathology’s Paul Strausbauch spoke on “Approaches to teaching clinical pathology - the East Carolina

experience.” Doctor Strausbauch is the Course Director for the Brody School of Medicine second year pathology course, and is the recipient of numerous teaching awards. He is the editor and co-author of “Bakerman’s ABCs of Interpretive Laboratory Data.”

ECU Pathology’s Peter Kragel spoke on a “Web-based tool for competency assessment in surgical pathology.” Kragel is the department residency program director and chair.

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Graduating residents accept fellowship positions

After four years of residency training, Doctors Chukwuma Onyeagocha and Tonialetoya Wallace opted to continue their post graduate education by pursuing additional fellowship training. Doctor Onyeagocha is starting a one-year fellowship in gastrointestinal pathology at Emory University under the direction of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D. The fellowship offers in-depth training in surgical pathology of the gastrointestinal tract and liver as well as opportunity to participate in clinical research. Doctor Wallace is starting a one-year fellowship in hematopathology at the William Beaumont Hospital under the direction of Vonda Douglas-Nitikin, M.D. The fellowship offers additional training in laboratory and management aspects of hematology and coagulation as well as molecular studies and cytogenetics in the diagnosis of hematologic malignancies.

Pestaner appointed head of autopsy services

Joseph Pestaner, M.D., J.D., an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology, has been appointed Head of the Autopsy Service, replacing M. G. F. Gilliland, M.D.

Doctor Pestaner received his M.D. and J.D. degree from the University of Maryland. He completed fellowships in Forensic Pathology at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in New York, New York and in Pediatric Pathology at the Texas Children's Hospital. He is board-certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, Pediatric Pathology, and Forensic Pathology.

Doctor Gilliland has assumed new duties as the second-year pathology Associate Course Director.



Hewan-Lowe appointed head of surgical pathology



Karlene Hewan-Lowe, M.D. has been appointed Head of Surgical Pathology, replacing Peter Kragel, M.D., who previously served as the Acting Head.

Doctor Hewan-Lowe is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology. She received her M.B.B.S. Degree from the University of the West Indies, and completed residency training at the Emory-affiliated Crawford Long Hospital and the Mayo Clinic.

Doctor Hewan-Lowe's interests include renal pathology and ultrastructural pathology. She is an invited lecturer at the Osler Pathology Board Review Course, and has been a speaker at the United States and Canadian Annual meeting.