



A web based educational resource supporting medical and healthcare science trainees in seven main pathology specialties



e-Path is a web based educational resource for Pathology delivered in partnership by the Royal College of Pathologists and DH e-Learning for Healthcare. The purpose of e-Path is to produce specific learning materials to supplement traditional teaching methods used to train junior pathologists and to focus on those areas where online material adds value. Topics to be covered have been selected because they are:

- Areas that are best covered using online teaching
- Specific 'stand alone' topics with discrete learning objectives rather than extensive, integrated online courses
- Topics that are not already well addressed by other teaching material, for example in a text book or review articles

Material is being created to support the main seven pathology disciplines: histopathology, haematology, microbiology, chemical pathology, immunology, virology and genetics. In each, specific areas of the curriculum have been identified with an emphasis on material that is appropriate for the first three years of basic pathology training.



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Among the resources will be:

- A collection of specific e-learning sessions: these 'knowledge-based sessions' contain interactive tutorials covering core pathology knowledge for the discipline, combined with questions and answers to test for understanding
- Clinical cases delivered through a case engine that will allow the learner to make decisions on investigations and diagnoses and compare their response to that of an expert
- An image archive to hold thousands of high quality images, digital slide scans and examples diagnostic tests and investigations. All of these will be useable in a wide variety of different ways – for example as formative tests, online image atlases or clinical cases
- The Pathopedia, which will be an on-line information resource supervised by experts, but created 'by trainees for trainees' which we aim to make the authoritative on-line source for basic pathology knowledge
- An on-line pathology specimen museum containing images, videos and audio descriptions of 1,000 pathology museum specimen pots

The first of the knowledge-based sessions will be available in summer 2010, while the other e-learning resources are expected to become available over the coming year.

For further information visit www.e-lfh.org.uk/projects/epath