

Annual progress report for sub-specialty advisors committee in Histopathology.

Liver Histopathology:

1. The national plan for liver services-

“Improving liver health and outcomes in liver disease” by the BASL and BSG published autumn 2009. It includes a section on Pathology services including Histopathology and Microbiology/Virology. The National plan recognizes tiers of service provision, including role of GP’s, District Hospitals, Hepatology centres, and Transplant centres. Proposed network arrangements for Histopathology are equivalent to those that already exist for cancer services. The document refers to the liver biopsy tissue pathways document for fuller description of Histopathology service

2. Liver cancer data set-

Published in 2007, currently being revised, Links to BSG guideline documents for hepatocellular carcinoma and colorectal liver metastasis.

3. Annual CPD meetings-

- a. New diagnostic one day course, emphasizing clinicopathological interaction, and aimed at DGH Consultants and Specialist Registrars. Organised by RCPATH, 9/12/09.
- b. Annual update in liver histopathology - for Consultants working in liver centres, this year 10/12/09, organiser R. Goldin.
- c. EQA- scheme continues with two circulations per year, with summary and discussion on website for CPD purposes. From this year the meetings will be linked to the Pathological Society meeting in July and the Annual Update meeting in the winter.
- d. Transplant Pathologists - New group, first meeting December 2008, to share experiences and discuss cases, meets the afternoon before the Annual UK Liver Transplant Clinical meeting. This year 24th November.

4. Continuing from last year-

Website, Liver EQA scheme- no change

Routine cholecystectomy Histopathology meta- audit- Currently with R Goldin, who has published a recent review on gallbladder Histopathology.

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Challenges for 2010-

Funding for non-cancer specialist services:

Training- can the new curriculum include reference to data set and Pathways document as expected standard for CCT?

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