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DECEMBER SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Sequoia Room, 2nd Floor, Moseley Salvatori Conference Center
637 South Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017

"Advances in Molecular Microbiology"

Gary W. Procop, MD, MS

Chairman, Molecular Pathology and Clinical Pathology, and Director, Molecular
Microbiology, Mycology and Parasitology
The Cleveland Clinic

Program Objectives:

- To understand the advances in chemistry and engineering that afforded the development of rapid cycle PCR from traditional PCR.
- To appreciate that single nucleotide polymorphisms can be detected by third-generation DNA binding dyes, but not the second generation dyes.
- To understand the advantages and limitations of pyrosequencing in microorganism identification.
- To appreciate the use of FISH technology in microbiology and infectious disease pathology.

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Dear Readers,

Join us on the 13th for the Annual Buffet Dinner & Lecture. We will be welcoming Dr. Gary Procop of the Cleveland Clinic for a discussion of molecular methods in microbiology. As usual, we encourage all members and guests to join us in this end-of-the-year fellowship prior to the academic session.

Also, we would like to remind you at this time of the All-Day Seminar on Saturday, January 21st featuring Drs. Elizabeth Montgomery (gastrointestinal pathology) and Jonathan Epstein (genitourinary pathology) of Johns Hopkins University. If you plan to attend but have not yet submitted a registration form, please do so at your earliest convenience (note: registration fees increase after the 15th of December).

We look forward to seeing you soon!

~ Board of Directors

Gary W. Procop, MD, MS is Chairman of the Department of Molecular Pathology, Section Head of Clinical and Molecular Microbiology, and Director of Mycology, and Parasitology at the Cleveland Clinic.

He completed Anatomic and Clinical Pathology training at Duke University Medical Center and a Clinical Microbiology Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, and Medical Microbiology. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, the College of American Pathologists, the American Society for Clinical Pathology, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, and the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

Dr. Procop has given more than 375 scientific presentations, and has 124 published manuscripts, 25 chapters, and one book to his credit. He is a Trustee of the American Board of Pathology, and Chair of the Microbiology Test Development Committee for the Board. He is also a Member of the Board of the American College of Microbiology.

At present, he holds the Vice Chair position on the Microbiology Resource Committee, and is a member of the Public and Member Affairs Committee for the College of American Pathologists.

His primary interests are the practical applications of molecular diagnostic methods for the diagnosis and treatment of infections; infectious disease pathology; mycology and parasitology. His main hobby is sailing, and he enjoys genealogical research.

Meet the Speaker



Gary W. Procop, MD, MS

Specialties:
Microbiology
Molecular Pathology

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Education

- 1987: Biology/Microbiology
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

Residency

- 1992-1996: Anatomic and Clinical Pathology
Duke University Children's Hospital & Medical Center, Durham, NC

Fellowship

- 1997: Medical Microbiology
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN USA

Academic Appointments

- 1997-98: Anatomic/Clinical Pathologist
Microbiology Consultant JPI
Pathology/Department of Pathology, Hillcrest Medical Center, Tulsa, OK
- 1998-2006: Section Head, Clinical Microbiology/L40, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and Staff, Anatomic Pathologist (Joint Appointment), The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- 2006-2007: Director, Clinical Microbiology, Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami
- 2007-2008: Professor of Pathology, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami
- 2008-2010: Chair, Department of Clinical Pathology, Director, Molecular Microbiology, Mycology, & Parasitology, The Cleveland Clinic
- 2008-Present: Staff, Institute of Medicine, Department of Infectious Diseases, (Joint Appointment), The Cleveland Clinic
- 2010-Present: Chair, Department of Molecular Pathology, Section Head, Molecular Microbiology, Director, Mycology, & Parasitology

Certifications

- 1997: Diplomate, American Board of Anatomic and Clinical Pathology
- 1997: Diplomate, American Board of Medical Microbiology

Membership Information

The membership has voted the following applicant into the Society as Active Member:

- Karen Chang, MD, Director of Regional Laboratories, Southern California Permanente Medical Group

Membership applications are received on a continual basis and are reviewed at the next monthly Board Meeting.

For more information, please contact the Society's Administrator, Rossana Desrochers:

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Please visit our website at:
www.lasop.org/pgs/application.htm

Future Educational Programs: 2011-2012

December 13

George Kypridakis Annual Buffet
Dinner & Lecture:
Gary Procop, MD

January 21

Elizabeth Montgomery, MD &
Jonathan Epstein, MD

February 14

Ibrahim Ramzy, MD

March 13

Lester Thompson, MD

April 10

Slide Seminar: Cedars-Sinai

May 8

Annual Resident & Fellow Symposium

June 12

Slide Seminar: Loma Linda

July - August

Summer Break

Coroner's Corner

Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner: **Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, MD**

Chief of Forensic Medicine: **Christopher B. Rogers, MD**

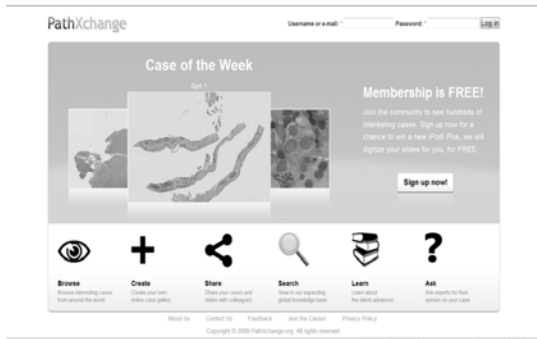
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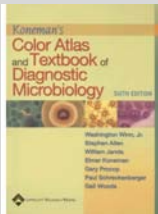
Contact/visit us at: 323.343.0522
http://coroner.co.la.ca.us/htm/Coroner_Home.htm

PathXchange



- To join PathXchange, visit www.pathxchange.org and create an account. Once registered, you will receive an email notifying you that your account is pending approval. After your account has been approved by administration, you will receive a second email with your account details, including your one-time password and a link for immediate access.
- After logging in, you will be redirected to another page where you will be asked to change your password.
- To join the LASOP section, start at the homepage at www.pathxchange.org and select "Groups." This will direct you to a page citing a long list of member groups (not in alphabetical order).
- Find "LASOP" and select "Join" on the far right under "Join Link." Good luck. We hope to see you there!

Literary Luminaries: A Monthly Feature of Member & Visiting Authors



Koneman's Color Atlas and Textbook of Diagnostic Microbiology

Co-Author: Gary W, Procop, M.D. □ The Cleveland Clinic

Long considered the definitive work in its field, this new edition presents all the principles and practices readers need for a solid grounding in all aspects of clinical microbiology—bacteriology, mycology, parasitology, and virology. Tests are presented according to the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (formerly NCCLS) format.

This extensively revised edition includes practical guidelines for cost-effective, clinically relevant evaluation of clinical specimens including extent of workup and abbreviated identification schemes. New chapters cover the increasingly important areas of immunologic and molecular diagnosis.

Clinical correlations link microorganisms to specific disease states. Over 600 color plates depict salient identification features of organisms.

ISBN13: 978-0781730143

Local Grand Rounds Schedule

- **Cedars-Sinai:** <http://www.csmc.edu/15007.html>
- **Harbor-UCLA:** <http://www.harbor-ucla.org/pathology/ResidentConferences.php>
- **LLU:** <http://lomalindahealth.org/medical-center/our-services/pathology/>
- **UC Irvine:** <http://www.healthaffairs.uci.edu/som/pathology/residencyProgram.html>
- **UCLA:** <http://www.imedseminar.com/>
- **USC:** <http://www.usc.edu/schools/medicine/departments/pathology/calendar/index.html>



CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER.

Transfusion Medicine Pathologist

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (CSMC) is seeking a Board Certified Clinical Pathologist with subspecialty expertise in Transfusion Medicine to join its team of 49 pathologists and PhD scientists, including two senior Transfusion Medicine specialists. Consultants for Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (CPLM) is an independent contracted pathology group providing exclusive professional services to CSMC.

The successful candidate will have training and experience in all aspects of transfusion medicine including blood donor services, immunohematology, transfusion practice and therapeutic apheresis, and ideally be familiar with operations within a cGMP environment. Additional knowledge of cellular therapies is desired. The Division of Transfusion Medicine provides clinical consultation to all members of the 2000+ CSMC medical staff, and the ability to work within a patient centered and clinically interactive service is required. The Department of Pathology has an active post-graduate training program including a fellow in Transfusion Medicine and active involvement in the teaching and research mission of the Department is required. Appointments within the Cedars-Sinai Professoriate series will be commensurate with the candidate's experience.

The Rita and Taft Schreiber Division of Transfusion Medicine provides more than 60,000 blood components annually to patients at CSMC, and collects blood and platelets for transfusion in both on site and mobile facilities. Peripheral blood stem cells are collected, processed and stored within the Division of Transfusion Medicine in support of the CSMC FACT accredited bone marrow and stem cell transplant program.

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Please submit curriculum vitae to:

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The Medical Center

- Cedars-Sinai is a 952 bed quaternary medical care facility and is the largest not-for-profit provider of health care on the West Coast serving more than 9 million people in Los Angeles County.
- The Medical Center operates a Level 1 Trauma Center, a multi-organ transplant, and the Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute.
- The Medical Center complex is located at the junction of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills.

The Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

- The Residency Program has 20 residents in an ACGME-accredited four-year combined Anatomic and Clinical Pathology program.
- Anatomic Pathology fellowships: Gastrointestinal, Genitourinary, Renal, and Surgical Pathology
- Clinical Pathology fellowships: Hematopathology, Molecular Genetics, and Transfusion Medicine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP for 2012-13

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Valley Care / Olive View-UCLA Medical Center offers a fellowship position in Anatomic Pathology. Areas of training include surgical pathology and autopsy. The program offers excellent experience in fine needle aspiration and also opportunities for elective rotations.

Requirements: Candidates who have completed the basic requirements of AP board certification and who desire additional in-depth AP training.

Stipend: Stipend is commensurate with year of post-graduate training.

Inquiries should be directed to:

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Directions to Mosely Salvatori Conference Center: (Adjacent to Good Samaritan Hospital)

All scientific programs will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the January All-Day Program.

The pre-program reception is held between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The lecture will be held in the Main Auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. Location of reception/program is the first floor of the Moseley Salvatori Conference Center, 637 South Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017, 213-977-2555. Parking: \$3.00 per car.

Parking & Directions

Parking is provided in the Conference Center Parking Structure located directly across from the Center on Lucas Avenue. Parking is not valet but the lot is patrolled. Present your parking ticket to the LASOP receptionist in the lobby. If the ticket is not validated in this manner, the parking charge is \$6.00 as you leave the structure.

From the HARBOR FREEWAY (110) SOUTHBOUND: Take the "Downtown Exit/Wilshire Blvd." off ramp. Take Wilshire Blvd. Turn right onto Wilshire. Proceed West to Lucas Avenue. Turn Right. Parking Structure will be on the right.

From the HARBOR FREEWAY (110) NORTHBOUND: Take the 3rd Street Exit. Turn Left at Beaudry Avenue. Turn Right at 6th Street. Turn Left on Lucas. Parking Structure is on the left. OR

Take the 6th Street Exit. Turn Right on Flower Street. Turn Right on Wilshire Blvd. Turn Right on Lucas. Parking structure is on the right.

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