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DIPLOMA IN CLINICAL PATHOLOGY

This course is designed to provide an advanced training in one or more disciplines of clinical pathology. It is a modular course (Chemical Pathology, Haematology, Histopathology, Immunology and Microbiology) taught on a full-time basis. Each module lasts for approximately five months: the MICROBIOLOGY and IMMUNOLOGY modules are taught every year between February and July; the remaining three modules are offered in alternate years, HAEMATOLOGY in the even years (1994, 1996, &) and HISTOPATHOLOGY and CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY in the odd years (1993, 1995, &) in the months October to February.

In order to be awarded the Diploma in Clinical Pathology a candidate must pass the University of London's examination in two of the five subjects. Each module is also available as a post-experience course in its own right for which students may register without being candidates for the Diploma.

Chemical Pathology

This module provides good grounding in the biochemical and molecular basis of diseases, modern analytical methods used in laboratory diagnosis, and the selection, performance and interpretation of diagnostic tests. It includes sections on: principles of laboratory practice and quality assurance; kidney functions – liver functions; fluid, electrolytes, acid/base balance; endocrinology – clinical enzymology; lipids, proteins; paediatric biochemistry and inborn errors of metabolism; molecular biological techniques in disease investigations.

The Chemical Pathology module provides the ground-work for candidates intending to enter for higher degrees and diplomas, including those of the Royal College of Pathologists, and is also recognised as the first part of the RPMS Diploma in Chemical Pathology.

Haematology

This module covers both laboratory and clinical aspects of diagnosis and management of blood diseases.

The course consists of an intensive programme of formal lectures, laboratory practicals with detailed protocols, slide seminars, clinical case discussions and research seminars. The following topics will be included: principles of laboratory practice and quality assurance; blood cell morphology; molecular biology of blood cells; erythropoiesis and anaemias; leucocytes and leukaemias; haemostasis; haemolytic disorders; immunohaematology and blood transfusion.

Histopathology

This module incorporates intensive instruction in diagnostic histopathology and surgical pathology, in the latest developments in histopathological technique, and includes instruction in autopsy technique.

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Microbiology

This module consists of four weeks of training in systematic bacteriology and microbial genetics, eight weeks in clinical bacteriology and four weeks in clinical virology. Medical mycology and parasitology will also be included in the course. Much of the course is spent in practical exercises designed to give experience in all branches of clinical microbiology as actually practiced in a service laboratory. Aspects of laboratory administration and the control of hospital infections will be included.

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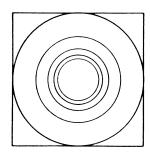


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