

UAB Pathology Residency at a Glance

Expected First Year Schedule

- 3 months Surgical Pathology (2 at UAB, 1 at VA)
- 4 months Autopsy
- 4 months Transfusion Medicine
- 1 additional AP month (Cytology, GYN, or Dermatopathology)

AP Required Rotations

- 10 months Surgical Pathology (2 at the VA)
- 4 months Autopsy
- 2 months GYN
- 3 months Cytology
- 1 month Neuropathology
- 1 month Pediatric Pathology
- 1 month Forensic Pathology

AP Elective Rotations

- Dermatopathology
- AP Hematopathology
- Renal/transplant
- Any surgical pathology subspecialty (inc. GI)
- Frozen Section
- AP Research
- Elective months of any required rotation

CP Required Rotations

- 4 months Blood Bank/Transfusion Medicine
- 3 months Chemistry
- 3 months CP Hematopathology
- 3 months Microbiology/Immunology
- 1 month Flow Cytometry
- 1 month Coagulation
- 1 month Molecular Diagnostics/Cytogenetics

CP Elective Rotations

- 2 elective months required (18 required CP months total)
- Informatics
- Diagnostic Immunology
- Forensic Toxicology
- Histocompatibility Testing
- CP Research
- Elective months of any required CP rotation

Surgical Pathology Subspecialty Signout

- Four residents are assigned to surgical pathology each month (General/Lung/Bone/Soft Tissue/Breast/GU/ENT/Frozens)
- Preview slides in the morning for signout beginning between 10:30-11:00; Frozen coverage until 12:00
- Gross subspecialty-specific specimens in the afternoon (focus on being a team player)

Call and Late Coverage

Autopsy weekend coverage:

Saturday and Sunday are considered “workdays” for residents on autopsy, with residents covering 2 of 4 weekends a month (average 1 day off per 7 day week over 4 weeks). Residents only come in if there are autopsies for that day and are free to leave when the initial paperwork is completed.

AP/Frozens late coverage:

First year residents on AP rotations (other than autopsy) will be assigned to “late coverage” for frozens and other AP issues from 5 PM to 9 PM (when the call resident takes over) Monday through Friday. Coverage is scheduled for a week at a time, approximately every other week.

AP Call:

PGY2-4 residents take AP call a week at a time. AP call entails covering frozens and other AP issues after 9 PM and on weekends, and grossing on Saturday.

CP Transfusion medicine late and weekend coverage:

First year residents on the Transfusion Medicine rotation will be assigned to “late coverage” for blood bank issues from 5 PM to 7PM (when the upper level call resident takes over) Monday through Friday. Additionally, first year residents will come in for **scheduled** weekend apheresis procedures. This coverage is scheduled for a week at a time, approximately every other week.

CP Call:

PGY2-4 residents take CP call a week at a time. CP call entails covering all clinical pathology issues after 5 PM (blood bank starts at 7 PM; first years cover until that time) and on weekends, and covering unscheduled/emergent apheresis procedures on weekends and week days after 7 PM. The vast majority of CP calls are blood bank related.

The number of AP and CP call weeks will vary. Usually PGY2s have 8 weeks total, PGY3s have 5 weeks total, and PGY4s have 3 weeks of total AP and CP call.

Required Seminars

AP Seminar:

Every year, each resident gives an AP Seminar. This is meant to be an educational seminar given to the other residents and the AP faculty. In general, it focuses on recent primary literature on a specific entity, evidence-based practice, or a personal research project accepted for a conference. First year residents are expected to identify a faculty mentor in a certain subspecialty to help guide them through the process of choosing a topic and evaluating current literature. Fourth year residents give a board review topic for their final AP Seminar.

Lab Medicine Seminar:

Once each year for the first 3 years, each resident gives a Lab Medicine Seminar. This is a structured seminar during which you will pose a question ("should we offer this test at UAB?" or "is this test better than this other test?" etc) and try to answer it using 3 current journal articles. It is given to the other residents and the CP faculty. First year residents will have a journal club (see below) first. Dr. Bucy coordinates these seminars and is always willing to discuss topics and go through your presentation with you ahead of time.

Lab Medicine Journal Club:

Once each year for the first 3 years, each resident also gives a Journal Club. This is a discussion on a current journal article after a brief introduction. It is given to the other residents and the CP faculty. Journal club is meant to help residents better analyze the data presented in journals and help prepare them for their future Lab Medicine Seminar.

Vacation and Sick Days

- 15 days of vacation, to be used at resident's discretion throughout the year with approval of rotation director (up to 5 days on each rotation) and chief resident.
- 15 sick days per year.
- Up to 2 weeks of administrative leave for conference attendance per year.

Other

- Book fund of \$1000/year.
- Conference attendance is completely reimbursed (separate from book fund) as long as you are presenting at that conference (poster or platform).
- Adams Grant - \$2000 research grants for resident research
- Support for research (strongly recommended, but not required) has allowed numerous UAB residents to present posters at national meetings. UAB has been in the top 5% nationally for number of abstracts accepted to USCAP in recent years.

Fellowships Offered at UAB

Cytopathology

Dermatopathology

Forensic Pathology

Hematopathology

Molecular Genetic Pathology

Neuropathology

Surgical Pathology

Transfusion Medicine

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