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Dear Friends,

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is pleased to announce that Dr. Yalda B. Naeini is the recipient of the 2017-2018 Daljit S. and Elaine Sarkaria Fellowship. First established in the academic year of 2004, the Fellowship is awarded annually to recognize an outstanding trainee committed to disease research and clinical innovation. Dr. Naeini earned her Medical Degree from Azad University, Central Tehran Branch in Iran. She joined the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at UCLA in 2013 and successfully completed her residency training in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, serving as a Chief Resident during her final year. During residency, Dr. Naeini engaged in numerous department and hospital-wide quality improvement projects. She also devoted time to clinical and translational research projects, presented at national meetings. She began developing her research interest in hematologic malignancies during residency, publishing a number of manuscripts including a study characterizing a sub-class of aggressive B cell lymphomas in the *Annals of Diagnostic Pathology* (2016). Dr. Naeini is currently a hematopathology fellow within the Department. Her research interests lie primarily in the area of transformed B-cell lymphomas, where she is collaborating in several multi-institutional projects. She plans to dedicate her career to clinical and translational research, studying the mechanisms of disease progression and transformation in hematopoietic cancers, with the ultimate goal of improving diagnostic classifications that will better guide therapeutic decisions.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Yalda Naeini on this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

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