

Alumni News

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Welcome to the UCLA Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Alumni News. In this issue, we are pleased to share news and introduce, or reintroduce, you to Dr. Celina Nadelman, class of 2005. Our last newsletter resulted in great feedback and a 25% increase in our core Alumni Group. Please continue to provide your feedback to pathologywebsite@mednet.ucla.edu, and let us know if you would like to get involved or be added to our core database.

The UCLA Pathology Alumni Committee is delighted to represent the alumni and ensure the link between us remains strong and benefits all.

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Alumni Spotlight



Celina Nadelman, MD, Class of 2005

Dr. Celina Nadelman, class of 2005, started out, not uncommonly, in Internal Medicine. After leaving the VA-UCLA Internal Medicine residency program, she performed basic science research on wound healing at USC. Her pathology training began at Harbor-UCLA where she studied for one year. She then finished her AP/CP residency and

Surgical Pathology Fellowship

at the UCLA main campus. It was there she heard Dr. David Lieu give a lecture to the residents about his work as an independent Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) specialist. His inspirational lecture and her love of hands-on patient care made her think, "that is for me!" A subspecialty Cytopathology Fellowship at UCLA was the perfect choice.

After completion of her cytopathology fellowship and the Boards, she worked at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center for several years as a staff pathologist, cytopathologist and clinical professor of pathology for the USC pathology residents. She revamped the FNA service there and enjoyed

running the FNA clinic for the veterans. She soon started her own company as a solo practitioner performing and interpreting exclusively FNAs. She really enjoys working with patients, listening to their problems, and providing the most outstanding care she can regardless of the patient's circumstances. Her practice in Beverly Hills brings in a wide range of patients from the mega-wealthy and famous to low income patients. Because she performs the FNA herself, she enjoys knowing much more about the patient's history than is usually provided on requisition forms received by pathologists in other settings. The approach is holistic—she follows the process from beginning to end. She finds it gratifying to reduce turn-around time as well. What she enjoys the most about her practice is that there is always something new. As she discovered early on, running a practice of this sort requires the skills of a small business owner, and thus she devotes at least 50% of her time running the practice, in addition to being a pathologist. This has been a great challenge but is also fun. Her business has grown from a one person practice, to a several person practice and it continues to grow each year.

Another advantage of this kind of work is the flexibility it provides. She has three children: Benjamin age 12, Maxim age 8 1/2, and Jasper age 2 1/2. With three boys in tow, a flexible schedule is a must! Her husband Eugene, head sonographer at Santa Monica-UCLA, also assists her with the ultrasound-guided FNAs. In her non-work life Dr. Nadelman enjoys studio art (one of her majors at Clark University), with a focus on print

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making. She is also a bit of a "foodie" and enjoys cooking and baking, as well as hip hop and zumba dancing.

Dr. Nadelman can be reached at www.drnelman.com.

Resident Teaching – Past and Future

Our alumni have a strong commitment to teaching. One recent example is a microscope teaching session on January 14, taught by one of our GI fellowship alumni, Dr. Mohammad Kamal. Dr. Kamal met with residents at the multi-headed scope and presented a one-hour session on colitis. He showed various types of colitis ranging from IBD, microscopic (lymphocytic and collagenous), radiation, ischemic and rare infectious colitides. The focus was on systematic approach, diagnostic criteria and diagnostic pitfalls. The session was well-attended, and feedback received was very positive. Comments included that the slide session was very well organized

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– Winnie Wu, Chief Resident

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and provided a framework for thinking about nonneoplastic processes in the colon. Chief Resident Winnie Wu commented that "it is so nice to have ULCA alumni who are so enthusiastic about their alma mater and so generous with their time and energy. It certainly provides a role model for the rest of us in the future."

Dr. Kim Mislick is planning a teaching session with the residents in the near future. If you are interested in participating in resident teaching, there are many opportunities. Contact Alumni

Committee Chair Dr. Valerie McWhorter at vmcwhort@aol.com, and she will facilitate.

Career Opportunities

UCLA Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Opportunities: (please visit <http://pathology.ucla.edu/body.cfm?id=291> for more information):

Bioinformatics Faculty: A faculty (non-tenure track) position is immediately available in the Department to lead bioinformatics analysis for research groups in the department involved in hematopoiesis and immunology.

Clinical Molecular Geneticist: A Clinical Molecular Geneticist is being sought to join the Molecular Pathology/Genetic Medicine Section in the Division of Laboratory Medicine. This appointment will be at a junior faculty level in the Health Sciences Clinical faculty track.

Anatomist | Histologist: The Division of Anatomy is seeking an experienced anatomist who will be part of a team of anatomists and clinicians designing and implementing clinically-oriented anatomical, radiological and surgical-anatomy educational materials for medical students at the UCLA DGSOM and UCLA School of Dentistry.

The Medical University of South Carolina Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine College of Medicine has initiated a search for the position of Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Email MUSCPath@wittkieber.com for information.

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