This past academic year has been perhaps one of the most successful years ever for Johns Hopkins Pathology. On the hospital side, the pathology services saw continued growth in test menu and volumes. The total number of clinical laboratory tests performed at JHH increased 8% this past year to 4,268,600, and the number of surgical pathology and cytopathology specimens at JHH and Bayview increased 2.4% and 3.7%, respectively. New tests include the cardiac marker Pro BNP, CMV Quantitative PCR, EBV Quantitative PCR, Riboprinting, Anticardiolipins, Beta 2 Glycoproteins, and Her-2-Neu just to name a few. This increase helped Pathology, along with good management and a hard working staff, to favorably exceed our hospital budget goals and contribution margin requirements. Consequently, there will be discretionary monies available for hospital related divisional activities.

On the University side, research fund-

Dr. J. Brooks Jackson
Director's Corner

Howard County General Hospital - JHML's New Relationship

Effective July 1st, the Department of Pathology began providing laboratory services to Howard County General Hospital (HCGH), a member of the Johns Hopkins Health System. HCGH is a local community hospital with 190 beds and a busy ER with 60,000 visits annually. Last year HCGH had 3,200 deliveries (more than Johns Hopkins Hospital and Bayview Hospital combined) and performed nearly 15,000 inpatient and outpatient surgeries. The medical staff at HCGH is composed predominately of private physicians who refer many of their complex patients to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

This new relationship between Johns Hopkins Medical Laboratories (JHML) and HCGH parallels the Department of Pathology's service mission to provide laboratory services to Johns Hopkins' physicians. A model similar to Johns Hopkins at Bayview offers both onsite and referral testing to the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Heading the HCGH laboratory is Stanley Podlasek, MD, Medical Director. Dr. Podlasek received his medical degree at Loyola University of Chicago and did his Pathology residency at Georgetown University Hospital. He was a pathologist at Prince Georges County Hospital and the INOVA Hospital System for a combined total of nearly 20 years. He is experienced in anatomic pathology and has had responsibility as the director of Metropolitan Washington Blood Bank, Inc.

Working with Dr. Podlasek is Dr. Lola Hoover. Dr. Hoover graduated from George Washington Medical School and did her Pathology residency at the University of Maryland Hospital. She has held positions at Franklin Square Hospital and Quest Diagnostics where she was most recently a Pathologist at HCGH. Due to her previous experience at the HCGH laboratory, she has assisted in the transition of services to JHML.

Bassam Sayad, MT (ASCP) is the onsite Laboratory Manager. Bassam has 10 years experience at Hopkins as a Medical Technologist, a manager for the Department’s international project in Abu Dhabi, and supervisor of Pathology Customer Service.

Nelson Short, MT (AMT), onsite supervisor,

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The Pathobiology graduate student program accepted four new students this year. These new students were all clearly among the top applicants and will only enhance the quality of our program. The Pathology course for the second year medical students was again rated highly by the students and resulted in over 34 medical students choosing to take pathology electives this past year. In addition, over 158 participants attended Pathology CME courses.

Fund raising efforts have also resulted in donations totaling more than $1,007,000 from over 1,600 generous donors. These donations will help support fellowships in GI/Liver, Renal, and Cytopathology and research in the areas of pancreas cancer, biliary cancer, esophageal cancer, ovarian cancer, and Alzheimer’s Disease.

To accommodate these growing activities, the Dean’s office has given Pathology an additional 4,000 sq ft of space in Reed Hall, and 13,500 sq ft of space to be built for Pathology in the new Cancer Research Building II due to be completed in the Fall of 2005. In the meantime Pathology will have temporary access to approximately 5,300 sq ft of laboratory space in the Jefferson Building (former Oncology Center Building) now that the Broadway Research Building has opened. This space will be available until Jefferson is torn down to make room for the future Critical Care Tower.

In the coming year, there will be a number of challenges. Once again the hospital operations budget will be tight. We are counting on increased offsite test volume and greater automation to help us achieve our financial targets while maintaining or improving service. Later this year, we will have our RRC review of our residency program which is likely to receive more scrutiny than in past years. The University has also announced that an internal audit of Pathology finances (including grants and contracts) will take place later this year. Planning for the Critical Care Tower and Women’s and Children’s Hospital will also continue. Space, of course, will continue to be a major constraint for the next year until the Cancer Research Building II is completed. Once this research space becomes available, we will be able to consolidate most of our cancer research programs in one area and allow other non-cancer research programs to expand in the Ross Building. Until the new hospitals are completed in 2008, lack of clinical laboratory space will also become a greater challenge due to increased centralization of testing at Johns Hopkins and larger patient test volumes. Faculty and staff will need to complete training in new Conflict of Interest and Commitment policies. These activities will demand increasing time commitments of faculty and staff.

Despite these challenges, it is important to realize that by almost any measure Johns Hopkins Pathology is doing very well thanks in large part to the dedication of each faculty and staff member within our department. Given the talent and desire to be the best, I have no doubt that we will be successful in meeting new challenges as well.

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and Bonnie Hammond, MT (ASCP), Quality Assurance Specialist, assist Bassam in the daily operations. The onsite lab is an active 24/7 laboratory providing general Chemistry, Hematology, Coagulation, and Urinalysis testing. A growing oncology and surgical patient population challenge the laboratory’s Blood Bank. Gross tissue description and final diagnosis are provided onsite via the pathologists and their staff. A total of 42 Johns Hopkins Hospital employees and a budget of 37 FTE’s support this operation.

A short-term goal is to standardize technology across other Johns Hopkins sites over the next six months. This means that HCGH will be converting to Hitachi 917’s, Sysmex XE series, Sysmex Coagulation with Dade reagents, and Roche Elecsys for immunochromes and cardiac markers. This standardization will facilitate back up and support from other JHML sites.

Microbiology, Immunology, and Specialty tests are referred to Johns Hopkins. A laboratory interface between HCGH’s system and JHML’s PDS facilitates the communication of orders and results. Four times per day barcoded specimens are received into Pathology Customer Service. At verification,
results are immediately transmitted to HCGH’s Meditech lab system and then to physicians and nurses on the floors within seconds. Initial clinician feedback has been quite positive. The Medical staff have been very pleased with the quality, spectrum, and turnaround times of referred testing — especially Microbiology.

Anatomic Pathology has an active volume with 10,000 surgical cases per year. Additionally, JHML expects several hundred fine needle aspirates to be referred to Cytology annually. Gross description of the tissue is done at HCGH. Slides are ordered, and the specimens are referred to Johns Hopkins Histology for overnight processing. The next day slides are delivered to the HCGH pathologists who provide the interpretation. Currently, a dual system is maintained on HCGH’s Meditech and JHML’s PDS; however, an interface, which is expected to simplify this information flow, is expected by mid-fall.

The surgeons have expressed their pleasure with the diagnoses provided by the new pathology team and the support of the main campus professional and technical staff.

HCGH is an opportunity for JHML to provide laboratory services to additional Johns Hopkins Medicine patients. JHML sees potential not only providing laboratory service but evaluating and publishing best practices in a community hospital setting. The expansion to HCGH continues to challenge and improve JHML’s services.

### Awards / Recognition

**Victoria Allen**
- A medical laboratory technician pursuing a Med Tech Degree at the University of Maryland at Baltimore is the recipient of the Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity/American Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientists (AMTF/ASCLS) scholarship.
- Winner of the ASCLS regional case study contest for research on Syphilis (March 2003).
- Attendance sponsored by ASCLS at their annual meeting in Philadelphia (July 2003).

**Karen C. Carroll, M.D.**
- Recipient of the Pathology Housestaff Teaching Award.
- Appointment to two National Committees: The Medical Microbiology/ Medical Parasitology Test Development and Advisory Committee Meeting, and The Advisory Board for the American College of Microbiology.

**Barbara Detrick, Ph.D.**
- Elected Vice-Chair of the American Board of Medical Laboratory Immunology, American Academy of Microbiology, 2003-06.

**J. Stephen Dumler, M.D.**
- Newly elected permanent member of the NIH/NIADD Bacteriology and Mycology 1 study section.

**James R. Eshleman, M.D., Ph.D.**
- Pathobiology Graduate Student Teaching Award.

**Michael Goggins, M.D.**
- Appointed to two adhoc study sections: The NIH Adhoc Study Section: Diet, Methylation and Cancer. R01/R21; and The NIH Adhoc Study Section: Novel Cancer Chemotherapeutics. R01s.

**Abdel Rahim Hamad, D.V.M, Ph.D.**
- Appointed as an ad hoc reviewer in the NIH/NIADD, Allergy, Immunology, Transplantation Research Committee (2004 Council AITC).

**J. Brooks Jackson, M.D., M.B.A.**
- Appointed by Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services, to serve a second term as a member of the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease Advisory Council until October 2007.

**Hongxiu Ji, M.D.**
- Young investigator award from the International Society of Urological Pathology for “High Resolution Mapping of CpG Island Hypermethylation of the GSTP1 Promoter in Normal, BPH, Proliferative Inflammatory Atrophy, High-Grade PIN, and Adenocarcinoma of the Prostate.”

**Gary R. Pasternack, M.D., Ph.D.**
- Invited Keynote speaker at the Mid-Atlantic Bio/Med Conference and Exhibition www.biomedexpo.com/keynotes.html
- Pathobiology Graduate Student Teaching Award.

**Noel Rose, M.D., Ph.D.**
- Named Laureate of the ABMM/ABMLI Professional Recognition Award.

**Alena Savonenko, M.D.**
- Elected member of European Brain and Behaviour Society.

**Brant Wang, M.D., Ph.D.**
- Recipient of the Health, Empowerment, Research and Advocacy (HERA) Award for ovarian cancer research.
Guang-Yu Yang from New York University was selected for 2004-2005 from over twenty applicants for the single position.

**The Joseph Eggleston Fund in Surgical Pathology**

The Joseph Eggleston Fund in Surgical Pathology honors one of the true giants in the field of surgical pathology. Dr. Eggleston was not only a leading authority on the pathology of lung cancer, but he also educated a generation of outstanding surgical pathologists. This fund supports the clinical and/or research activities of an outstanding resident or junior faculty member in surgical pathology. Dr. Christine Iacobuzio-Donahue was the first recipient of this award and Dr. Mohamed Ansari-Lari was honored with the Joseph Eggleston Fund in Surgical Pathology for the 2003-2004 year.

**The Yener S. Erozan Fellowship in Cytopathology**

Our campaign to endow a fellowship in honor of one of our most loved cytopathologists, Yener S. Erozan M.D., is still underway. Dr. Erozan is Director Emeritus of the Cytopathology Institute and past President of the American Society of Cytopathology. The Yener S. Erozan Fellowship in Cytopathology promotes the research activities and/or clinical training of promising pathologists pursuing advanced training in cytopathology in the Department.

Peter Kulesza, M.D., Ph.D. has been named as the first recipient of the Yener S. Erozan Fellowship. Dr. Kulesza received his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Kulesza then completed his anatomic and clinical pathology residency at Johns Hopkins. During his training at Hopkins, Dr. Kulesza also served as President of The Johns Hopkins Housestaff Council. Dr. Kulesza began his Cytopathology fellowship at Johns Hopkins in July 2003. His research interests lie in the area of molecular cytopathology. Specifically, Dr. Kulesza is interested in the identification of molecular indicators of therapeutic responsiveness in cytologic samples of human tumors.

**The Robert H. Heptinstall Fellowship**

The Robert H. Heptinstall Fellowship honors Robert H. Heptinstall M.D., former Baxley Professor and Director of the Department of Pathology. Heppy is well known to all of us for his textbook, his scientific accomplishments, and for his wonderful personality his impatience with pretension and his wit. The Robert H. Heptinstall Fellowship promotes research activities and clinical training of outstanding young pathologists pursuing careers in research. Dr. Naghmeh Yousefzadeh was the first recipient of The Robert H. Heptinstall Fellowship for 2001-2002, and went on to further postgraduate training at Columbia University. Dr. Laura Barisoni received the award for 2002-2003, and is currently Assistant Professor of Pathology at New York University. Dr. Sadhana Kaul is the latest recipient of The Robert H. Heptinstall Fellowship for 2003-2004.

We sincerely appreciate all of the generous support we have received. If you have not supported one of these wonderful endowments we ask that you consider donating to one of these funds or fellowships. If you have given before we thank you for your support and hope that your generosity will continue. We are enclosing a self-addressed return envelope to facilitate your contribution. Please contact Dr. Ralph H. Hruban at 410-955-2163 or rhruban@jhmi.edu if you have any questions. If you would like to use a separate envelope, you may send your tax-deductible contributions payable to Johns Hopkins University to:

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WHEN TRAGEDY STRIKES - BY GARY MARCH

It has been over two years and some months since I became an amputee. My story is similar to many other amputees. I was riding my motorcycle on a beautiful day and out of nowhere a drunk driver turned my world upside down. I thank my recovery to the Shock Trauma surgeons, my wife, family and friends.

Transitioning back to work has not been easy. When away from a job for six months, you tend to be out of the loop on many things. I was well informed about most things, but Arlene Prescott and the other managers thought it best not to tell me everything. She was right. Had I been kept updated on every detail, I would have driven Arlene and myself crazy. It was very awkward the first couple of days back. Most employees were curious about my situation and how I was managing. I spent a lot of time explaining my hospital stay and the accident. After telling my story over 200 times since the actual accident, it was getting a little old. On the other hand, the more others knew of my situation and how I was managing it, the easier it was for everyone, including myself. I remember Arlene having the Safety Office check out the Grossing Room and the surrounding labs to make sure all the doors were ADA approved. Initially, I thought she was over doing it, but after I stopped and really thought about it, I knew she was not only doing her job but was making sure that my working conditions were optimal. After working for about a week, I noticed some of the doors were much easier for me to open and yes, it did make a big difference.

A few weeks later, I noticed that on travel days I was able to concentrate on the work force. While I was gone, many people had to step-up and fulfill my duties. It was difficult for everyone. Janice Alvarez kept the PAs together and oversaw the operation of the Grossing Rooms while I was out. I am truly grateful to the managers and employees who did a great job in adjusting to my absence. After my first couple of days back, I tried to reestablish myself and live up to my duties as a supervisor. This was hard; I forgot how mentally draining it could be. Arlene was very fair and she did some things that I did not know how to handle.

Supervision of the Accessioning Desk went to Carolyn Anderson. It was difficult to swallow at first, but it allowed me to concentrate on the Grossing Rooms, the Residents and the Pathology Assistants. It was awkward dealing with some of the Attendings and Residents who had been dealing with Janice for the last couple of months. I felt as though I was spinning off in a bunch of different directions until Janice calmed me down and help me regain some control. Finally, what it took to pull everything together was time and everybody’s help and support. Not pity, but support. I really can’t say what they did; it was how they did it. After awhile, I was being treated like my old self. Yes, everyone still asks, “how are things?” but this is

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Primary Faculty Changes - Since April 2003

New Faculty

- Lamont Wettstein, Assistant, Surgical Pathology
- Giovanni Lujan, Assistant, Surgical Pathology
- Monica Snodon, Assistant, Gynecologic/Cytology Pathology
- Kimberley Studeman, Assistant, Surgical Pathology
- De Lisa Fairweather, Research Associate, Immunology
- Zhiping Liu, Research Associate, Neuropathology
- Mathias Oelke, Research Associate, Immunology
- Jun Yan, Research Associate, Neuropathology
- Rongcun Yang, Research Associate, Gynecologic Pathology
- Milena Vuica-Ross, Instructor, Hematologic Pathology

Departures

- Gloria Su, Assistant Professor, Columbia University; New York, NY
- Marina Afanasyeva, Research Associate
- Carol Allan, Assistant, State of Maryland Medical Examiner’s Office
- May Arroyo, Assistant, Florida
- Brian Carlile, Assistant, Baylor All-Saints Hospital; Fort Worth, TX
- Robert Oliai, Assistant, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; New York, NY
- Alexander Truskinovsky, Assistant, UC Davis Medical Center; Sacramento, CA

Promotions

- J. Stephen Dumler, Professor, Microbiology
- T.C. Wu, Professor, Gynecologic Pathology
- Syed Ali, Associate Professor, Cytopathology
- Je-Ming Shih, Associate Professor, Gynecologic Pathology
- Richard Roden, Associate Professor, Gynecologic Pathology
- Soner Altiok, Assistant Professor, Cytopathology
- Sally Campbell-Lee, Assistant Professor, Transfusion Medicine
- Charles Eberhart, Assistant Professor, Neuropathology
- Anirban Maitra, Assistant Professor, GI/Liver Pathology
- Michael Torbenson, Assistant Professor, GI/Liver Pathology
- Christine Iacobuzio-Donahue, Instructor
- Hongxiu Ji, Instructor, Surgical Pathology/Cytopathology (JHBM C)
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... genuine and not just the curiosity of the amputation.

Today, I am walking with a new Prosthetic leg and it looks and feels much better than the first one even with all of the revisions. The new prosthesis is working, but I am still having some skin issues. It has been extremely difficult and frustrating to work at something that takes a long time and a lot of pain to see positive results. So, if you see me and if I do not have on my prosthesis, know that I am probably working on either a new modification of my prosthesis, that I have some area of my stump that is healing, or that I just wanted to go through a day without extreme pain. Honestly, I could probably live the rest of life on crutches if I had to.

It has been a very difficult experience and I still have a long way to go. I owe my wife, my children and my friends for...

New Grants and Contracts Awarded to Pathology Faculty Through September 30, 2003

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the support they have given. I look at life without any blinders now. I will keep pushing myself to make myself fully whole again. I know that I am a much stronger person for all that I have gone through. Life is too short to dwell on the things that one could have done or should have done. I am in the process of breaking free from all of the restraints of my limitations. No! I do not know my limitations and I have the rest of my life to conquer them. I hope you will never know what it feels like to be labeled something that hurts. You are an amputee. You are disabled. You are handicapped. You are physically challenged. Think about it! How many of you have spent over two months in the hospital and six months out of work, felt some of the most excruciating pain imaginable, gotten treated by many as though you are the one at fault because you rode a motorcycle even though you were hit by a drunk driver with two prior DWI’s, a suspended registration and no insurance, and every minute of the rest of your life there is a pain that reminds you that you once had something that is now gone forever. I remember my wife asking me, “When will your pain go away?” I paused and responded, “This is life long pain!” But it is my life, and for life and all the help and love I have received on the road to recovery, I am grateful. To read Gary March’s complete story, visit the web site at: http://pathology2.jhu.edu/garymarch.htm

On the Web...

Autoimmune Disease Research Center
http://autoimmunity.pathology.jhmi.edu
Contributing Faculty: Patrizio Caturegli, M.D.

   The Johns Hopkins Autoimmune Disease Research Center offers leadership in the study and development of improved diagnosis, treatment and prevention of autoimmune diseases. The Center is a collaboration of the Schools of Medicine and Public Health. The Center’s web site offers an overview of autoimmunity, a featured monthly article with commentary, a database of information on specific autoimmune diseases and a discussion board for patients to share information with one another.

Hypophysitis Research Center
http://pathology2.jhu.edu/hypophysitis
Contributing Faculty: Patrizio Caturegli, M.D.

   At this website you will find an explanation of hypophysitis in lay terms, specific description of the autoimmune form of hypophysitis, a collection of all scientific journal articles that have been published on autoimmune hypophysitis, a database collecting the features of most of the patients described thus far and a review of the common therapy for hypophysitis.

GI/Liver Pathology Case Conference
http://pathology2.jhu.edu/gicases

   Following the success of similar online case conferences, the Gastrointestinal and Liver Pathology Division announce their own weekly conference on the web. The cases will be compiled and presented by this year’s GI Pathology fellows: Baishali Bhattacharya, MD, MPH and Harrison Dilworth, MD. Be sure to check in weekly for new cases.

Tissue MicroArray Core Laboratory
http://tmalab.jhmi.edu/
Director: Angelo DeMarzo M.D., Ph.D.
Co-Director: Christine Iacobuzio-Donahue, M.D., Ph.D.

   We are pleased to announce the opening of our facility for construction of tissue microarrays (TMAs) at Johns Hopkins. TMAs are a powerful new technology for high throughput analysis of biomarker expression in a large number of tissue samples. Over the last several years our laboratory has produced more than 190 TMAs containing greater than 30,000 tissue cores for more than 20 different Hopkins Investigators. As a result of continued demand and our considerable experience we are now offering this expertise to the Johns Hopkins community in the form of a new service center. Please visit our web site for more information.

Pathology Web Developers Climb for Life

   Usually you’ll find Amanda Lietman and Jennifer Parsons Brumbaugh behind their computers working on departmental web projects. But this past September they logged off and flew out to Salt Lake City, Utah to participate in the 2nd annual HERA Climb for Life. HERA (an acronym for Health, Empowerment, Research and Advocacy) was founded by Sean Patrick, an ovarian cancer patient and advocate. Sean also co-founded the tremendously successful Johns Hopkins Ovarian Cancer Website with Richard Roden, PhD. (http://ovariancancer.jhmi.edu/)

   This year’s Climb for Life was held in beautiful Salt Lake City from September 11 - 14. A total of 140 people participated, including professional athletes, volunteers and 80 climbers ranging from novices climbing outside for the first time to avid weekly climbers. Climbers were asked to set their own climbing goals and secure pledges for donations. Our web developers, who took an introductory climbing class at an indoor rock gym just weeks before the event, managed to exceed their goal of 1,000 feet. Yoga and Pilates classes along with massages provided by a local massage school helped the climbers to keep in top shape and reach their goals.

   In addition to climbing, the event featured the world premier of Josh Lowell’s new film, Pilgrimage, which documents a recent climbing trip to India with world-class climbers Katie Brown and Chris Sharma. Personal appearances by the film’s stars helped draw a crowd of close to 300.

   Last year’s Climb for Life raised over $45,000, the majority of which funded the first HERA Ovarian Cancer OSBI Research Grant. This grant, given in memory of Dr. Rick Montz, a tireless advocate for improved care for women with ovarian cancer, was awarded to Brant Wang, M.D., PhD in the Pathology Department.

   Donations and pledges from this year’s climb are still being collected. To see more photographs from this inspiring event and read about research funded by the HERA Foundation, go to: http://ovariancancer.jhmi.edu/climb

   Department members interested in developing new departmental web sites or updating existing pages should contact Jennifer Brumbaugh at 410-614-7912.
The Department will be gaining some significant increases to its assigned space over the next few years. The most immediate impact results from the assignment of 4,000 sq ft of office space on the 3rd floor of Reed Hall, as well as 315 sq ft on the 2nd floor for three faculty offices. Several functions will be installed there over the next three months or so, including faculty offices from Meyer 7, CQI, the Consult Office, Transcription, the LAN support group, Dr. Griffin’s Mid-Atlantic Cancer Genetics Network, and carrels for about nine fellows.

Pathology has been assigned about 13,500 sq ft of research laboratory and related office space on the 3rd floor of the Cancer Research Building (CRB) II. This building will essentially be a twin to the neighboring CRB I, and is now expected to be open for occupancy in November of 2005. The GI and GYN research groups now in Ross will be our principal occupants, along with the research labs of Dr. Bill Westra, Dr. Ed Gabrielson, and Dr. David Berman. As an interim step, the Dean has assigned to us about 5,000 sq ft in the research wing of the Jefferson Building. This will be used as needed for temporary assignment to new faculty recruitments, until space vacated by the opening of CRB II is available.

Planning for the two new clinical towers is proceeding actively. The initial planning documents assigned the bulk of the 2nd floor of the Cardiovascular and Critical Care Tower to our clinical laboratories. Recent changes had to be made in the building size due to financial considerations, and it now appears we will receive far less space than planned. The building program will be finalized over the next three months, and we expect to be able to include Autopsy, Transfusion Medicine, the Core Lab, and some of the components of Surgical Pathology now on Path 7.