



INSIDE THE CELL
 NEWSLETTER OF THE
 TEXAS SOCIETY OF CYTOLOGY

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

2004 TSC OFFICERS

Ann Marie West CT (ASCP), Treasurer;
 Sefik Tunc Gokaslan, M. D. President
 Momin Siddiqui, M.D. Secretary

In the past ten years we have witnessed tremendous change within the field of cytopathology, particularly gynecologic cytology. For over 50 years, the Papanicolaou (Pap) Smear was considered the gold standard for routine cervical cancer screening and ultimately responsible for significantly reducing the mortality due to cervical cancer. The last decade saw the introduction of liquid based preparations that have provided a high level of consistency and quality, and offering a number of distinct advantages over conventional Pap smear screening. Liquid based cytology has offered a perfect medium and compliment for ancillary and adjunctive molecular testing which is increasingly used to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.



The success of liquid based preparations has led to the development of computer assisted screening adding a level of automation to the review process and offering laboratories an advantage in performance, sensitivity, and specificity. All of these new technologies have impacted the management and triage of patients and led to significant improvements in the cytopathology laboratory.

We need to look at our current cytologic methods and combine them with adjunctive testing to provide patients with the best possible diagnosis and treatments options. **On that note, we have structured and planned our meeting to provide the TSC participants with an opportunity to hear from nationally recognized pathologists on a variety of technologies currently impacting the field of cytotechnology.**

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Texas Society of Cytology will be held on August 28th –29th, 2004 at the Hilton Lincoln Center, Dallas, TX.

The Hilton Lincoln Center is conveniently located adjacent to the Galleria, which has some of the finest shopping in the Dallas area and also features an indoor skating rink.

The Galleria is open from Monday to Saturday from 10 am-9 pm and Sunday noon-6pm.

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Our line up of speakers is impressive.

We have invited the leading companies in the field to provide their keynote speakers to discuss and present information about their technology.

Dr. David J. Zahniser, Ph.D., Cytoc Corporation will be speaking about ThinPrep® technology and image directed cytology by the ThinPrep® Imaging System. Dr. Zahniser was instrumental to the development of the ThinPrep® Imaging System and to bringing computer imaging to cervical cytology.

Dr. David Wilbur, M.D. Massachusetts General Hospital will speak about Surepath® and the Focal Point® Slide Profiler, an automated system used to distinguish between normal Pap smears and those that have the highest likelihood of abnormality.

Dr. Eva Wojcik, Loyola Medical Center will discuss urine morphology followed by a talk by

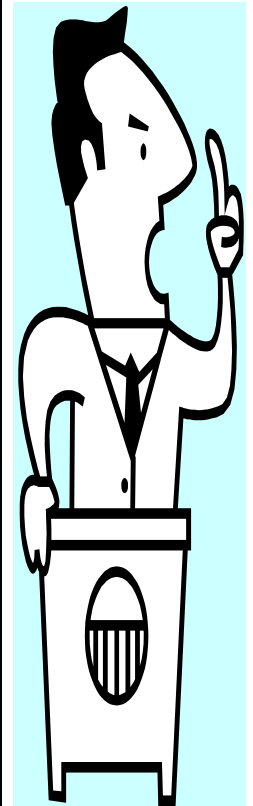
Dr. Tim Stenzel, M.D, VYSIS, Inc. on “FISH ing for Solid Tumors: An Update”, a look at the Vysis® UroVysion and other interesting solid tumor testing.

Dr. Raheela Ashfaq, M.D., The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas will address Anal Pap Cytology.

Day two of our conference will feature speakers on HPV testing.

Dr. R. Marshall Austin, Coastal Pathology Laboratories will address “The Future of HPV testing: Where We Are and Where We Are Going” while

Dr. Richard A. Isenberg, M.D., Ventana Medical Systems will discuss “Potential Utility of DNA With Pap Testing on Minimizing Cervical Cancer Screening Risk”. Last, but not least, Dr. Claudia Werner, Director of OB/GYN, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas will present “Managing the Abnormal Pap: A Clinician’s Perspective”.



This year’s meeting promises to be quite spectacular. With your support and participation, we make this 34th Annual Meeting of the Texas Society of Cytology a tremendous success.

Brochures for the meeting will be mailed to our members by the end of the second week of July. I encourage everyone to send in their membership dues and registration forms as soon as possible. This will enable us to prepare adequate materials for the conference and secure additional space if required.

Please remember to vote for the StatLab Award. The StatLab Award is presented to a cytotechnologist who has shown outstanding service and has made contributions to the field of cytotechnology. The recipient of this award is presented with \$250.00 and presented a plaque. Nominees should be from Texas and a member of the TSC. We also need to vote for the 2005 TSC Officers from San Antonio. You can send in your vote along with your membership.

We are currently investigating the feasibility of posting a website for the TSC. Hosting and design services can be quite costly and we are looking at the most economical yet informative way to provide information about our society on the world wide web. We will update you at the Annual Texas Society of cytology meeting which is held at the conclusion of the meeting.

It has been an eventful year and we are still very busy attending to our meeting details. We are very excited and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting!
Sefik Tunc Gokaslan, M. D. President TSC

Dr. Alice Smith, M.D

will be presented with a
**TSC Lifetime Achievement
Award on Sturday @ 11:30.**

Dr. Smith is Professor of Pathology
at The Harold C. Simmons
Comprehensive Cancer Center.

- ◆ The Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center’s conference facilities will offer a wonderful place to host our meeting.
- ◆ The meeting space is more than adequate in size and design and we will have the lobby adjacent to the meeting room for our TSC continental breakfasts, breaks, and vendor meet and greet area. We will also host a TSC Cytology Luncheon on Saturday. This will be catered by the Hilton Lincoln Center.
- ◆ We have secured a limited number of rooms at a rate of \$89 for deluxe single/double guestrooms. For reservations, please call 1-800-245-3304 and identify yourself as part of the Texas Society of Cytology to receive the special rate. The check in time is 3:00 pm; check out time is 12:00 pm.

While in the Dallas area, there are a number of local area attractions, outstanding shopping, and entertainment opportunities.

The West End Marketplace has eclectic entertainment, specialty shops, restaurants, and nightclubs.

Six Flags Over Texas, Hurricane Harbor, and the Ballpark in Arlington are located in Arlington Texas. Six Flags Over Texas Theme Park offers thrilling rides, games, and shows, while Hurricane Harbor has a variety of exciting water slides and rides. Call 817-530-6000 or visit www.sixflags.com for more information.

Deep Ellum-This former warehouse district immediately east of downtown is the Dallas headquarters for live music. The area swings with everything from jazz to alternative beats. Among the 42 clubs and numerous restaurants are shops and galleries where clothing and jewelry often double as original works of art. Described as a little New Orleans and Southern SoHo, Deep Ellum is a trendy and hip area of modern Dallas.

Uptown--Immediately northeast of downtown, the 125-year-old neighborhood known as Uptown has recently experienced a surge of residential growth that also brought new clubs, shops and restaurants. McKinney Ave. is Uptown's main street and the McKinney Avenue Trolleys connect the Uptown area with the Downtown Arts District. This is a chic, but historic area that includes dozens of restaurants including the Hard Rock Cafe, boutiques, spas, art galleries, upscale shopping and opulent hotels.

Just minutes from downtown **on the shore of White Rock Lake, the Dallas Arboretum** features 66 acres with 11 lush display gardens that offer seasonal color all year long. Home of Dallas Blooms Spring, the Southwest's largest outdoor floral festival, the Arboretum provides a tranquil oasis where visitors are surrounded by the beauty of all four seasons. Amenities include the Hoffman Family Gift Shop, a dining terrace and several facilities available for rental. Open daily: 10:00am - 5:00pm. Admission: Adults \$7.00, Senior (65+) \$6.00, Children 3-12, \$4.00, Children 2 and under, Free. General Parking, \$4.00. For information on valet and free shuttle parking, call 214-327-4901

Dallas World Aquarium: Exotic plants and creatures from around the world inhabit the Dallas World Aquarium & Zoological Garden, where you can explore a South American rainforest or take a walk through a water tunnel surrounded by reef life from the Continental Shelf. Observe monkeys, stingrays, piranhas and penguins. Enjoy Restaurant, cafe and gift shops. Available for private functions. Located at 1801 North Griffin Street, Dallas, TX 75202
Open 7 days a week: 10:00am-5:00pm. Admission: Adults \$11.85, Children (3-12) \$6.50, Senior Citizens \$8.66.

Fort Worth Zoo: The Fort Worth Zoo is repeatedly recognized as one of the top zoos in the nation and is home to more than 1,200 creatures from around the world in lush, natural-habit settings. Tree-shaded, winding paths lead visitors to incredible exhibits like World of Primates, Asian Falls, FUJIFILMS Komodo Dragons, Koala Outback, and Thundering Plains. To reach the Fort Worth Zoo from Interstate 30, exit University Drive. Go south on University for approximately one mile to Colonial Parkway and turn left. Once you are on Colonial Parkway, follow the signs to the Zoo. Hours: April 3 - October 17, 2004 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Please call 817/759-7555 for the most recent information. Admission, Adults (13+) \$9.75, Children (3-12) \$7.25, Toddlers (2 & under) Free, Seniors (65+) \$6.25, Parking \$5 per vehicle daily.

The Dallas Zoo: The world-class zoo covers 95 acres and features many rare and endangered species. Key exhibits include the Exxon Mobil Endangered Tiger Habitat with Indochinese and Sumatran tigers, the Lacerte Family Children's Zoo with interactive, educational exhibits for children and the 25-acre Wilds of Africa, named the best African exhibit in the United States. Open: 9:00am - 5:00pm (regular) and 9:00am - 4:00pm (winter) Admission: Adults \$8.00, Children (3-11) \$5.00, Senior Citizens (65+) \$4.00, Children under 2 are free. Monorail: Open seasonally

The Sixth Floor Museum: From its location in the old Texas School Book Depository overlooking Dealey Plaza, visitors to The Sixth Floor Museum encounter a chilling recreation of the window area where Lee Harvey Oswald supposedly fired his fatal shots as well as exhibits chronicling the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. The 7th floor gallery is designed for a variety of multimedia exhibitions. Additional exhibits are in the Visitor Center. Open: 7 days a week 9:00am - 6:00pm. Admission for audio tours: Adults \$13.00, Senior Citizens & Students (6-18) \$12.00, Children under 6 are free.



San Antonio Job opening



May 19, 2004
Position Posting: Internal, External

CYTOLOGY SUPERVISOR

Brief Summary

This is a technical and supervisory position in the cytology laboratory consisting of a variety of complex, skilled tasks. Supervises and directs the work of a group of cytotechnologist to assure quality of performance. Fosters an environment of cooperation, learning and quality patient care with regard for client needs. Works independently with guidance available from the Director of Operations.

Qualifications:

- Required Board of Registry certified CT (ASCP)
- Required 10 years fulltime cytology experience
- Required 3-5 years of cytology supervisory experience

Denise Martin CT (ASCP)
Director of Operations
Cyto Labs
12902 Flagship Drive
San Antonio, TX 78247
1-800-298-2986

Major Responsibilities to include but not limited to:

- Assumes responsibility for day to day operations of Cytology department which include:
- Assign duties to subordinates.
- Manage Quality Control of Cytology Screening.
- Responsible for the timely release of cytology reports
- Responsible for managing turn around time by controlling cytology staffing
- Ascertain that all procedures are efficiently performed and are in accordance with policy and procedure manuals.
- Performs orientation that introduces new employees to policies, procedures, and equipment relevant to the job activities of the employee.
- Responsible for administrating the CAP survey.
- Work hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Salary commensurates with experience.
- Submit resume and letter of intent to attention: Denise Martin CT (ASCP), Director of Operations

TSC: OLD NEWS IS NEW NEWS
To most TSC members!

At the last TSC meeting Dr. Staerkel said we should start looking into the history of the TSC because no one has kept records over the years. He noted that we need more infrastructure and items from the past that might help re-establish some sense of history. Sandra Fite confirmed that Dr. Lukeman and a group from Houston founded TSC in 1971. The following February or March a meeting was held in Dallas to add the cytology community of the Dallas/Ft. Worth area to the organization.

"There was an ice storm and the first meeting was canceled, but it was rescheduled for the next Saturday." Sandra recalled, "I am not sure how many of us attended, I think about 15-20. Dr. Lukeman said that all that joined would be considered charter members."

PLEASE HELP TSC RECOVER ITS HISTORY— YOUR RECOLLECTIONS ARE VALUABLE — WHEN WERE YOU PRESIDENT? WHO WERE THE TSC OFFICERS? WHERE WAS THE MEETING? WHO THREW WHO IN THE POOL? GET OTHERS TO SUBMIT THEIR MEMORIES OR YOU DO IT FOR THEM.
Please contact the TSC editor with this information.



Hector Garcia SCT
(ASCP) CMIAC,
2005 President elect

Greetings my fellow TSC members. I am Hector Garcia, 2005 President elect of The Southern Association of Cytotechnologists, Inc. I will be writing articles to keep you informed on what is going on with SAC.

We are getting ready to have our 44th Annual Scientific Meeting, July 29-31, 2004 at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. Our 2004 SAC President, Allison Mc Donald, have put together a great continuing education program which includes basic review courses and advanced courses to include Molecular Techniques. Some other topics included, relevant to the Cytology Profession, are HIPPA compliance and privacy issues, veterinary cytology, and autopsy FNA. I invite all of you to meet us in Memphis, and participate in this great continuing education program. For more information about meeting schedule and registration please visit our web site www.sacpage.org.

The SAC 45th Scientific Meeting will be held July 27-31, 2005 at the St. Anthony Hotel, Downtown San Antonio, TX. We are hoping to have a joint meeting with TSC, combine our resources and make it a memorable occasion for both organizations. We will keep you posted.

This is the first of many articles that hopefully will serve as a liaison between both our associations. Any questions or comments, please drop me a line at hgarci48@satx.rr.com.

Always remember "Today is tomorrow's yesterday"

Hector R. Garcia, SCT (ASCP) CMIAC 2005 SAC President Elect

WHAT IS THE ASC ADVOCACY COMMITTEE?

This year the ASC "Art for Advocacy" committee will change its name to "Advocacy Committee", The Advocacy Committee provides an avenue for the ASC to contribute to patient advocacy. It uses the extensive artistic talent of its members to raise funds and awareness for patient advocacy.

The Advocacy Committee has raised funds for patient advocacy projects and desires the funding to be used within the ASC to establish patient advocacy programs. The Advocacy Committee has established itself as an action oriented committee that can organize ASC volunteers and operational processes on behalf of patients.

So again, ASC is calling on members and students to join in this wonderful way of showcasing your talents, that also benefits our patients. Please take part in supporting this venue by creating art, **buying art!**, taking part in the volunteer activities at the desk during the meeting, or perhaps having some of your friends come down to the exhibit hall to "communicate with the artists". You will be surprised to see the artistic talent of Cytotechnologists and Pathologists.

The Art for Advocacy Exhibit will again be held November 13 through the 15, during the 52nd Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago.

ASCT

Communicate projects and issues from our region as well as concerns to the ASCT Executive Council. If you have any questions about the ASCT or would like to volunteer to write an article for the ASCT News or serve on a committee, please contact me.

I am also available to hear your concerns and views about the profession of cytotechnology. Please contact me when I can be of help.

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CELEBRATE TEXAS CYTOTECHNOLOGISTS AND PATHOLOGISTS!

Participate in your profession by sending information, recommendations, and corrections for the TSC Newsletter to: LCWiatrowski@university-health-sys.com



Selection of 2005 TSC Officers

Vice President/President-elect

(assumes the position of President in 2005)

Gregor Stransky, M.D. Staff Pathologist TCID

write in candidate _____

Secretary 2004

Ann Dickey CT (ASCP), Assistant Supervisor of Cytology

write in candidate _____

Treasurer 2004

JoAnn Garoni, CT (ASCP): QC Supervisor

write in candidate _____

TSC candidates from Women's Health Laboratories, Texas Center for Infectious Disease, San Antonio, Texas

Send to applications to: Ann Marie West BS, CT (ASCP), Cytology Department,
EE4.105 Parkland Health & Hospital System, 5201 Harry Hines Blvd. Dallas, Texas 75235



STAT Lab Award Nominee

Name: _____

Submitted by: _____

Contact phone #: _____

email address (if available): _____

Reason candidate is deserving of award (additional comments may be attached)



Application for Membership:

New Renewal

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please circle your area:

Dallas	San Antonio	South Texas
Houston	East Texas	Central Texas (Austin, Waco)
Fort Worth	West Texas	S.E. Texas (Galveston, Beaumont)

Education (new members):

College or University _____ Date graduated _____

Cytotechnology School _____ Date graduated _____

Qualifications for Membership:

Registered CT (ASCP) Dues \$25
 Registry eligible (expect to take the exam on _____) Dues \$25
 Student in an approved School of Cytotechnology (will graduate on _____) Free!
 Physician (Specialty: _____) Dues \$30

Statement of Intent:

I wish to apply for membership in the Texas Society of Cytology. I understand that dues as specified above must be submitted with this application.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please forward this application to:

E-mail: awest@parknet.pmh.org

Ann Marie West, BS, CT (ASCP)
Cytology Department, EE4.105
Parkland Health & Hospital System
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Dallas, Texas 75235

I will be attending conference
 I will not be attending conference
 Still undecided about my attendance

Lausanne Wiatrowski CT(ASCP) IAC
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ASC 2004

Watch for the American Society of
Cytopathology Annual Meeting
Registration brochure which will be
mailed in July.

The meeting is at the Sheraton
Chicago Hotel & Towers Nov
6-13.

ASCT 2005

Annual Conference

Save the Dates: April 8–10, 2005

Plan on joining your colleagues
next year at

ASCT/Upper Midwest Cytology 2005 Annual
Conference & Celebration.

The conference is being held at

Crowne Plaza Minneapolis - Downtown
(NorthStar), Minneapolis, Minnesota