

Flex Week Proposal:

Title	A Day in the Life of a Surgical/Anatomic Pathologist: Making the Final Diagnosis	
Submitting Team	<p>Aatur Singhi, MD PhD (singhiad@upmc.edu) (gastrointestinal and molecular pathologist)</p> <p>Tanner Bartholow, MD (bartholowt12@upmc.edu) (autopsy/forensic pathologist)</p> <p>Brittany Cody, MD (codyba@upmc.edu) (thoracic pathologist)</p> <p>Thomas Pearce, MD PhD (pearcetm@upmc.edu) (neuropathologist)</p> <p>Raja Seethala, MD (seethalarr@upmc.edu) (head and neck, endocrine pathologist)</p>	
Experience Category [bold your category]	<p>Clinical shadowing</p> <p>Research-related</p> <p>Community Service</p> <p>Other:</p>	<p>Professional Enrichment Courses (PECs)</p> <p>Professional Development</p> <p>Wellness</p>
Goal	<p>The purpose of this flex week is to provide medical students with firsthand knowledge of the surgical/anatomic pathologist’s day-to-day activities. The work performed by a surgical/anatomic pathologist can be both demanding and rewarding, as they play a crucial role in the diagnosis of diseases and conditions through the examination of tissue samples obtained during surgeries, biopsies, and autopsies. This activity will not only aid students in better understanding of surgical/anatomic pathology as a career choice, but also how this medical subspecialty closely interacts with cardiology, pulmonology, gastroenterology, endocrinology, and surgery.</p>	
Brief Description	<p>Medical students will get an in-depth exposure to surgical/anatomic pathology as a clinical practice in a variety of settings (biopsy interpretation, intraoperative consultation, examination of whole organs during an autopsy, and other activities) through direct shadowing, supplemented by educational activities, and student-focused discussions.</p>	
Organizer	<p>Aatur Singhi, MD PhD</p> <p>University of Pittsburgh, Department of Pathology</p> <p>Director of the UPMC Clinical Test Development Laboratory</p> <p>Director of UPMC Clinical Immunohistochemical Services</p> <p>Director of UPMC Hillman Translational Pathology Imaging Laboratory</p> <p>Divisions of Gastrointestinal and Molecular Pathology</p> <p>412-864-1508</p> <p>singhiad@upmc.edu</p>	

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Department	Department of Pathology, Divisions of Anatomic Pathology and Molecular Pathology
Capacity (# students)	5
Location	UPMC Presbyterian Hospital and Clinical Laboratory Building
Reporting Info	Monday 8am Aatur Singhi's office: Scaife Hall, Room A616.2

Indicate when the flex week will be offered:

MS1 (Class of 2028)			
Week	Start Date (Mon)	End Date (Fri)	Available?
5	TUE 9/3/2024	9/6/2024	
12	TUE 10/22/2024	10/25/2024	Yes
26	1/27/2025	1/31/2025	
30	2/24/2025	2/28/2025	
59	9/16/2025	9/20/2025	

Indicate the schedule for the flex week:

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AM	Gastrointestinal Pathology Intraoperative Consultation (Coverage of UPMC Presbyterian ORs)	Resident Didactic and Tour of Histology, Immunohistochemistry, FISH and Molecular Labs	Neuropathology Intraoperative Consultation and Signout	Autopsy Shadowing	Thoracic Pathology Intraoperative Consultation and Signout
PM	Gastrointestinal Pathology Signout	Head and Neck Signout	Pathology Tumor Boards: Liver and Pancreas	Autopsy Shadowing	Resident Didactic and Wrap-Up

NOTES:

- Schedules should have activities for students at least 5hr/dy, with at least 2hr/dy synchronous
- Unlike PEC's, students will not receive grades/certificates for flex week completion