

Greetings Everyone,

As the course co-directors, we are truly delighted to welcome you all to this two-day special Cytopathology workshop being jointly arranged by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Department of Pathology, American Society of Cytopathology and the Japanese Society of Clinical Cytology on December 14-15, 2019.

As the famous Japanese scholar and poet “Ryunosuke Sataro” once said “Individually we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean”. The JHU, ASC and JSCC decided to join forces to offer our Japanese colleagues, a state of the art workshop on cutting-edge diagnostics, updates on reporting terminology and the latest on ancillary testing. Diagnostic cytopathology performs a vital role in the diagnosis and treatment of non-neoplastic and neoplastic lesions. The speakers are well-known international and Japanese scholars who would use their expertise in providing a great learning experience to the attendees. The format of the course is not only didactic lecturing but also emphasizes a novel interactive discussion of unknown challenging cases for each of the topics. Emphasis would be placed on presenting diagnostic issues of practical importance and a problem-oriented approach will be followed. The course will expose cytopathologists and cytotechnologists to an intensive teaching for two days and will provide ample time at the end of each day to ask the experts any questions that they may have.

The workshop is intended for Pathologists, Residents, Fellows, Cytotechnologists and students. The program will enable the participant to:

- Accurately evaluate cytologic changes in some of the more difficult areas of cytopathology
- Appreciate the importance of close collaboration among treating physicians, radiologists, and cytopathologists
- Apply new techniques to process and define these challenging samples
- Recognize the capabilities and limitations of Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA)
- Integrate immunocytoanalysis with flow cytometry, molecular and other ancillary techniques in routine practice

We cannot thank enough the esteemed speakers of the course for their time and effort, the JSCC and its President Professor Yukitoshi Satoh and most importantly Professor Robert Osamura for his important role of bringing together the three organizations/institutions for this workshop.

We wish you a great learning experience at the course and a most pleasant stay in Tokyo.

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