**Pathological Society Meeting Bursary for Undergraduates:**

*Report on the Leeds Pathology Conference 2019*

I am a third-year medical student at the University of Nottingham. Built into the undergraduate medical program is a four-month research module. During this time, I performed a clinical data study in the Department of Histopathology at Queen’s Medical Centre. It was this work that led me to attend the 12th Joint Meeting of the Pathological Society and the BDIAP on 4 July 2019 at the Harrogate Convention Centre. I contributed an abstract titled ‘Challenges and Temporal Trends in the Pathological Diagnosis of Indeterminate Colitis and Inflammatory Bowel Disease Unclassified: A Tertiary Centre Experience’. I presented this work in a poster format on the day of the conference.

This conference was the first opportunity I have had to present my research outside of the University environment. It was interesting to discover how the conversation surrounding the project changed from that of a purely academic exercise to one involving real-world clinical applications. In this new setting, I quickly learned how to adapt my presentation to a more specialist audience. Discussing the intricacies of my work with experts in the field was highly rewarding and the encouragement they offered was meaningful. Moreover, there were a couple of common questions that arose about the study. This feedback will prove to be immensely helpful as the study continues to be refined. Overall, my first poster presentation experience was a very positive one and I would be keen to participate again in the future.

I attended various lectures throughout the day and was impressed with the quality of the presentations. As a medical student, much of the content of the lectures was beyond my experience and understanding; however, the speakers in general demonstrated excellent presentation technique. It was useful to observe how high-level research is presented. One major take-away was the importance of outlining how and why the new data impacts on clinical practice.

Attending and participating in such conferences is an integral component of medical training. I would like to thank the Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland for granting me the opportunity to showcase my work and for making it financially feasible for me to do so.

Sincerely,

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