**GENERAL PATHOLOGY**

Residents have the ability to choose between Anatomical Pathology and General Pathology early in their residency.

The UBC program offers a broad-based experience that is characterized by a wealth of excellent case material, expert teaching staff and dynamic curriculum. The 5-year training program includes both mandatory and elective rotations that are typically scheduled as 12 week blocks.

**PGY - 1**

The common PGY-1 year comprises standard medical and surgical rotations in the style of a "rotating internship". This year includes rotations in Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Psychiatry, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Medical Oncology, Family Medicine, Radiology, Radiation Oncology and Pathology. This PGY-1 year fully prepares residents for the LMCC examination as well as the laboratory-based PGYs 2-5.

Currently, the rotating internship may be completed at one of the three sites: (1) Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster (330 beds with almost 50,000 ER visits in a year); (2) St. Paul's Hospital in Downtown Vancouver; and (3) Victoria network of hospitals.

For more information about these sites, please see:

[http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/Postgraduate_Medical_Education/PGY1_Training_Sites.htm](http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/Postgraduate_Medical_Education/PGY1_Training_Sites.htm)

For residents at UBC in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, there is a mini-match process done to determine PGY-1 site allocation. Although every effort is made to accommodate preferences for a particular site, we cannot guarantee that site will be available.

As described above, the PGY-1 year is a clinical year in keeping with the philosophy that 'good pathologists are also good clinicians'.

**PGY2 – PGY4**

The PGY-2 through PGY-4 years consist of rotations through the various specialties of Laboratory Medicine that cumulatively provide a broad, well rounded experience in fulfilment of Royal College objectives.
PGY 5

In the PGY-5 year, rotations in community settings and separate elective time are also included. Residents must do at least one month of their training at a community hospital. Historically, UBC has had amongst the highest successful pass rate at the Royal College examinations of any General Pathology Program in Canada, and trainees have gone on to rewarding and highly satisfying careers.

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