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Q1

Name of EQA Scheme

Uropathology EQA scheme

Q2

specialist histopathology EQA scheme

Is this a generalist or specialist histopathology EQA scheme?

Q3

2021

report for year:

Q4

date of EQA annual report **20/02/2022**

Date submitted:

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Report for the year: start date if not reporting for a full calendar year

Q6

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Report for the year: end date if not reporting for a full calendar year

Q7

Website for the scheme

www.histopathologyeqa.org

Q8

Contact email for enquiries about scheme membership

eqaadmin@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

Q9

yes I agree

Please indicate that you agree to this email address appearing on the password protected section of the RCPATH website

Q10

Current number of scheme members

474 full participants (+ 85 trainee and 44 overseas members)

Q11

Brief summary of the scope of the scheme for website (max 100 words): (indicate if sent last year- no need to repeat)

Sent previously

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Q12

Name of Scheme organiser:

Dr Nick Mayer, Dr Jon Oxley & Dr John Dormer

Q13

email address of organiser:

Nick.Mayer@hse.ie, Jon.Oxley@nbt.nhs.uk & jpd3@leicester.ac.uk

Q14

yes I give permission

Do you give permission for RCPATH to share your email address with other scheme organisers for purposes relating to experience with EQA schemes?

Q15

Telephone number(s)

(00353) 214920488, (0117) 4149831, (0116) 258 5599

Q16

no

Is there a waiting list to join this scheme?

Q17

Please indicate whether you use glass slides, digital slides or both

mixed glass and digital,

comments::

Transitioning to digital only - current circulation (AD) 50% glass slide 50% digital then moving to digital only

Q18

IN 2021, 13/26 schemes sent SOPs to the NQAAP. Please give the date of the last scheme SOPs submitted / approved by NQAAP (if known).

Last approved March 2021

Q19

Has there been any change to your SOPs in the last year?

yes, there has been a change. I will send the updated SOPs to RCPATH

Q20

What percentage of responses do you use as the cut off to identify a low score?

2.5%

Q21

UKAS accreditation status

UKAS accreditation not applied for

Q22

Subscription fee (please indicate per person/per institution/ whether additional charge for slides)

Currently £95 for a full participant and £60 for a colleague. Overseas & trainee membership: Not charged.

Q23

Arrangements for scheme organiser's time

Following a proposal at the most recent online Participants meeting in Dec 2021 we are claiming the equivalent of 1 PA for our time (divided between ourselves)

Q24

Is this included in their job plan?

no

Q25

Please state the number of EQA circulations in the last 12 months for which you are submitting individual summary reports.

Q26

Comments on the operation of the scheme during the year: 1. new developments:

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic we had two further virtual participant meetings in March and December 2021, the latter a combined EQA/BAUP AGM meeting. The meetings were both Zoom webinars and were live streamed via Youtube (a recording of the meetings was also posted on Youtube). 197 Full EQA Participants logged in and voted for Circulation AB (224 people logged in in total, including overseas, trainees and non-members) and 180 Full EQA Participants logged in and voted for circulation AC (204 people logged in in total, including overseas, trainees and non-members). We again used the audience interaction platform Slido for voting and for submitting questions/comments and a CPD certificate was emailed automatically to all those that attended the meeting. Post meeting feedback has been very positive to maintain virtual meetings in the future and it is intended to have one virtual and one physical (in person) meeting, the latter affiliated with the BAUP annual meeting & AGM.

Following a previous survey of the participants we are transitioning to digital only circulations. Circulation AC was the first to have 2 digital only cases, one of these was taken from an old circulation from 2008 and the responses were better than previously for this case, suggesting that the digital only format had not been detrimental to the participants. The next circulation AD will have 50% digital / 50% glass slides and from then we will move to digital only circulations.

The IBEX Galen artificial intelligence software system was demonstrated on the prostate core cases in circulation AC (<https://ibex-ai.com/>).

For renal tumours, where there has been significant expansion of tumour types in recent years, we have developed a table which provides a comprehensive overview of the expected immuno profiles for different tumour types and provides a link to an example previously used in the scheme to aid morphological comparison.

Q27

Comments on the operation of the scheme during the year: 2. any problems encountered?

There have been some issues with connectivity/download speeds with the Leeds website and therefore we are hoping to host parallel images on a different server in Oxford which will require some development of EQAlite.

The scheme has operated relatively smoothly given the Covid-19 situation. The slide circulations did break down at times but we were able to extend the closing date of the circulation and this will obviously be eliminated when we move to digital only circulations.

It is our impression that using a webinar format for the participant meeting and Slido voting that the participants have been more punitive in their voting. We are also going to survey the Participants in the future on how to better score Gleason grading cases as this has been problematic in recent circulations.

Q28

Comments on the operation of the scheme during the year: 3. please comment on how you identify the number of participants in the low score category (e.g. 3%)

Bottom 2.5% (if there is more than 1 person with the same score as the 2.5% Participant the computer looks for the score of the 2.5% Participant +1 and then flags all the people lower than this score. Therefore it is possible to flag less than, but never more than 2.5%.

Q29

Comments on the operation of the scheme during the year: 4. any poor performance issues?

There were no first action points after circulation AB and three people triggered the first action point after circulation AC (19 letters sent in total since the start of scheme, no one has triggered the second action point). One of low scorers in AC replied anonymously that they are not currently reporting Uro pathology and they have therefore withdrawn from the scheme having agreed to flag this in their next appraisal. We have requested that they inform us in writing if in the future they start reporting Uro pathology again.

Q30

Do you plan to introduce changes to the running of the scheme in the next year?

yes (please specify below),

Other (please specify):

Move to digital only circulations (please see above)

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Q31

Round number

AB

Q32

Number of participants in round (excluding trainees)

404 (85%)

Q33

Total number of registered participants in the scheme (excluding trainees)

474

Q34

Number of cases circulated (excluding educational/special interest)

12 glass slides (no educational) + 3 digitally scanned prostate cores

Q35

Number of cases used for scoring

14

Q36

review meeting - date below

Cases discussed at review meeting, or by electronic consultation?

Q37

meeting date:

23/03/2021

Date of review meeting (if electronic meeting leave blank)

Q38

Number of participants at review meeting

197

Q39

Number of participants in Low score category (e.g. 3%, but as defined in section 2 above)

9

Q40

Number of participants reaching 1st action point

0

Q41

Number of participants reaching 2nd action point

0

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Q42

Round number

AC

Q43

Number of participants in round (excluding trainees)

419 (88%)

Q44

Total number of registered participants in the scheme (excluding trainees)

476

Q45

Number of cases circulated (excluding educational/special interest)

12 glass slides (no educational) + 3 digitally scanned prostate cores

Q46

Number of cases used for scoring

13

Q47

review meeting - date below

Cases discussed at review meeting, or by electronic consultation?

Q48

meeting date: **02/12/2021**

Date of review meeting

Q49

Number of participants at review meeting

180

Q50

Number of participants in Low score category (e.g. 3%, but as defined in section 2 above)

9

Q51

Number of participants reaching 1st action point

3

Q52

Number of participants reaching 2nd action point

0

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Q53

Respondent skipped this question

Round number
