



The science of pathology is at the heart of every branch of medicine. The doctors you meet in the surgery or hospital all depend on the knowledge, diagnostic skills and advice of some of the 4000 pathologists and 20,000 pathology scientists working in the UK. Whether it's a GP taking a cervical smear or a surgeon wanting to know the nature of a lump removed during an operation, the answer is provided by a pathologist.

A Career in Histopathology

Histopathology is a challenging and rewarding career. Attention to detail, problem solving and the ability to integrate diverse sources of information are all required along with a solid understanding of pathological processes and how they manifest as disease.

Histopathologists must have a high level of self-motivation and be able to work independently and as part of a team. Good communication skills are essential for discussing the relevance of microscopic findings with colleagues and clinicians.

How is training organised?

Training is divided into four stages: A, B, C and D. Certain criteria must be met to progress from one stage to the next. Over the course of the four stages trainees must pass various examinations. Trainees have the option to take additional modules in autopsy practice, cervical cytology and research methods. Total training time is between five and six years depending on which of these additional modules are taken.

For further information please go to our website: <https://histopathologytraining.org/>

