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The **International Association of Chinese Pathologists-Online Publication (IACP-OLP)** was launched in July 2005. The IACP-OLP is a not for profit and free educational program provided by the **International Association of Chinese Pathologists (IACP)**. The objectives are to provide internet based educational material for pathology trainees. Two educational programs are currently provided. A large part of this program is still under construction. The **Anatomic Pathology Quiz (IACP-APAQ)** is a multiple choice quiz type program that provides sets of questions in different areas of anatomic pathology. Each question set contains 20 to 30 questions and covers a small area of anatomic pathology. The level of difficulty is set at the residency/fellowship level. The **Teaching Case in Anatomic Pathology (IACP-TECAP)** provides a case study format educational material in anatomic pathology. We aim at including unusual cases with classic presentations or common pathologic entities with unusual presentations. A spectrum of cases with different levels of difficulties will be included. Any physicians and medical professionals are welcome to use the material in IACP-OLP for non-commercial, educational purposes. Pathologists and pathology trainees worldwide regardless of whether they are of Chinese origin or lineage are invited to contribute and to join the editorial board. Contributors and editors are not necessary members of the IACP.

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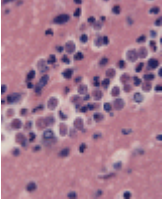
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Review process: The submitted material will be reviewed by at least one editor, one trainee editor, possibly outside reviewers, and the editor-in-chief before being accepted for publication.

To avoid overlap: For **APAQ**, each question set should contain about 20-30 questions with not more than 10 images. The scope of the question sets should be reasonably limited, *vide infra*. Contributors should check the [list of pre-existing and up-coming question sets](#) and to browse through the existing questions before they start to set their questions before they set their question sets to avoid overlap. Contributors who are plan to submit a case to TECAP are encouraged to go through the titles of the [TECAP-List by Diagnosis](#) to avoid overlap. Contributors are also invited to contact the [editor-in-chief](#) for any questions on this regards.

Anatomic Pathology Quiz (APAQ): The level of difficulty should be appropriate for residency-fellowship level rather than medical student level. We accept only three formats of multiple choice questions and each question should have only answer. The three formats are illustrated by following examples:

	<p>1. The microorganism being shown here is most consistent with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>.B. <i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>.C. <i>Naegleria fowleri</i>.D. <i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>.E. Cytomegalovirus. <p>Click here to see the full sized picture.</p>
	<p>1. The numerical aperture of the optical pathway of a microscope is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Limited by the numerical aperture of the objective.2. Affected by the condenser diaphragm.3. Limited by the medium of the optical pathway.4. Determined and limited by the type of illumination (i.e., whether it is bright field, dark field or fluorescent). <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. 1, 2, and 3 are true.B. 1 and 3 are true.C. 2 and 4 are true.D. Only 4 is true.E. All of the above.
	<p>1. Glioblastoma is a histologic grade IV tumor in the Classification of the World Health Organization (WHO):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. True.B. False.

Scope of question sets: We would like the scope of individual question set be limited to a reasonably small area in anatomic pathology (e.g., pediatric CNS tumor, B-cell lymphoma, neurodegenerative disease, cytologic diagnosis of space occupying lesion of the thyroid, inflammatory lesions of the skin, and *et cetera*). In general, we recommend that you limit the scope of your question set to a particular organ, system or anatomically defined region. After the contributor has determined the anatomic region, he or she should further restrict the scope of their question sets within one of the following pathologic scopes:

- **Inflammation and infection**
- **Tumor and tumor-like lesion (neoplasm and pseudotumor)**
- **Malformation**
- **Pediatric**
- **Cytopathology**
- **Miscellaneous (such as vascular, pediatric, metabolic diseases, nutritional diseases, degenerative diseases, and *et cetera*)**

In general, this is only our suggestions and obviously this system would not fit every fields of anatomic pathology (forensic pathology is the best example). As far as the scope of a particular question set is limited, the ways to set these questions are only limited by imaginations.

The following are some of our suggestions on anatomic regions:

Gastrointestinal (GI) organs	Lung, thymus & mediastinum	Nervous system
Esophagus	Lung and lower respiratory tract	Central nervous system (CNS)
Stomach	Mediastinum and thymus	Peripheral nervous system (PNS), medical
Small intestine	Miscellaneous	Muscle, medical
Appendix	Pleura & peritoneum	Miscellaneous
Large intestine and anus	Pleura, peritoneum, & omentum	Pituitary & sellar/supra-sellar region
Liver & biliary tract	Heart and blood vessels	Tumor of the anterior pituitary
Pancreas	Heart	Miscellaneous
Miscellaneous	Blood vessels	Head & neck
Gynecologic organs	Miscellaneous	Oral cavity and lips
Vagina & vulva	Hematopoietic organs	Jaws & bone
Uterine cervix	Lymphoma & lymphoma-like lesion	Salivary gland
Myometrium & endometrium	Leukemia- myelogenous	Thyroid & parathyroid
Ovary and fallopian tube	Leukemia- non-myelogenous	Larynx & upper respiratory tract
Miscellaneous	Peripheral blood smear	Sinuses and ear
Male genital organs	Bone marrow	Eye and extraocular adnexa
Testis & associated structures	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous
Prostate	Bone, joint, & soft tissue	Molecular pathology & cytogenetics
Penis and urethra	Bone	Miscellaneous
Miscellaneous	Soft tissue tumor (including PNS tumors)	Forensic pathology
Urologic organs	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous
Kidney, medical	Skin	Histotechnology
Kidney, surgical	Melanocytic lesions	Miscellaneous
Ureter & urinary bladder	Non-melanocytic epithelial lesions	
Adrenal gland	Skin appendage	
Miscellaneous	Subcutaneous tissue	
	Miscellaneous	

Teaching Cases in Anatomic Pathology (TECAP): Any cases with educational value can be considered for publication. The discussion should be limited to the case under discussion. In general, cases with classic histology but unusual presentation or rare cases with classic presentation are most educational. The basic structure of a teaching case should include a brief history, radiologic or ultrasound images if necessary, gross and microscopic images, a short description of the pathology, the diagnosis, a short discussion, and relevant reference materials. There is no real limit on the length of the teaching. Contributors should check the [TECAP-List by Diagnosis](#) and to communicate with the editor-in-chief before they submit a case to avoid overlap.

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