



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

Interspecialty Advisory Committee on Molecular Pathology

Terms of Reference

The College's Mission Statement

The College's mission statement is to promote excellence in the practice of pathology and to be responsible for maintaining standards through training, assessments, examinations and professional development, to the benefit of the public.

Terms of reference

The Committee will advise Council, Executive and the President on all matters concerning molecular pathology which are within the remit of the College.

These include, but are not confined to:

- advising on implications for training of medical doctors and scientists
- advising on implications for service configuration
- promoting research and development
- providing the Executive Committee with vision and scoping for future development
- developing examinations leading to FRCPath in molecular pathology
- matters concerning registration and revalidation of doctors and scientists working in molecular pathology
- CPD for doctors and scientists in the specialty
- maintaining standards of professional practice
- responding to proposals, guidelines and other documents from outside organisations such as the Department of Health

Membership of the Committee

Chair, appointed by Council for a three year term, should be an effective Fellow who is involved in the molecular aspects of disease

Representatives from relevant SACs and Sub-committees

Director of Exams and Assessment

Director of Research

Director of Workforce Planning

Chair of the working group on the molecular pathology of acquired disease

Chair of the working group on Higher Specialist Training in molecular pathology

Representative of Modernising Scientific Careers.

The composition of the committee is not immutable but variations or additions to the membership must be agreed by Council. Most appointments will be for three years.

The Chair convenes the meetings, provides direction to the Committee and acts as the Committee's representative to other meetings or functions as required. The Committee will normally meet twice a year although much of the in-between business will be carried out by electronic means.

