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CURRENT POSITIONS

Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Resident
University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

EDUCATION

2017-2021 M.D., New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY
2012-2016 B.S. (Biomedical Sciences), Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY

POST-DEGREE TRAINING

2022-Present Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

PROFESSIONAL NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2016-2017 Clinical Laboratory Technologist, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2019-Present American Medical Association
2021-Present American Society of Clinical Pathology
2021-Present College of American Pathologists
2022-Present United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology

COMMITTEES & OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

2024-Present Member Pathology Residency Program Clinical Pathology Education Steering Committee, URM
2024-Present Member Pathology Residency Program Academic Day Committee, URM
2023-Present Member Medical Student Outreach Committee, CAP Residents Forum
2022-Present Member Graduate Medical Education Committee, URM

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

National & International Conferences

2023 Arshi J, Besen A, Liao X. Collagenous gastritis: A single institution experience. College of American Pathologists Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
2023 Besen A, Agostini-Vulaj D, Findeis S, Findeis-Hosey J, Huber A, Baxter L, Kovar-Peltz S, Ettl M. Embedding orientation for GI biopsies and

- 2023 effect on slide adequacy and quality. 42nd Annual Biologic Stain Commission Conference, Rochester, NY.
Besen A, Agostini-Vulaj D, Findeis S, Findeis-Hosey J, Huber A, Baxter L, Kovar-Peltz S, Ettl M. Embedding orientation for GI biopsies and effect on slide adequacy and quality. Annual Meeting of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathologists, New Orleans, LA.

Local Conferences

- 2024 Arshi J, Besen A, Liao X. Collagenous gastritis: A single institution experience. 43rd Annual University of Rochester Medical Center Department of Pathology Research Day. Rochester, NY.

PLATFORM PRESENTATIONS

National & International Conferences

- 2024 Besen A. Clonal Idiopathic Multicentric Castleman Disease – Plasma Cell-Rich Variant: A Case Study. 17th Annual Hematology/Hematopathology Symposium. Waterloo, NY.
- 2024 Besen A, Evans A, Liao X. Clinicopathologic correlation of low-grade B-cell neoplasms identified in colon biopsies: a single-institutional review. Annual Meeting of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathologists, Baltimore, MD.

Local Conferences

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- 2023 Besen A, Agostini-Vulaj D, Findeis S, Findeis-Hosey J, Huber A, Baxter L, Kovar-Peltz S, Ettl M. Embedding orientation for GI biopsies and effect on slide adequacy and quality. 42nd Annual University of Rochester Medical Center Department of Pathology Research Day. Rochester, NY.
- 2nd place: *Judicated Resident Platform Presentations*

EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

High School Students

- 2023 Explorations in Pathology: "Introduction to Hematopathology" workshop [3 hours] and Residency Panel/Q&A Session [1 hour]
- 2022 Explorations in Pathology: Residency Panel/Q&A Session [1 hour]

Medical Students

- 2022-Present MS2 Disease Processes and Therapy course labs
- Facilitated small-group learning sessions on histopathology of multiple organ systems [four 2-hour sessions]
- 2023-Present MS1 Introduction to Pathology course labs

- Facilitated small-group learning sessions on inflammation and neoplastic processes [four 2-hour sessions]

Departmental Lectures

2023	An Introduction to SPEP Interpretation: 30-minute recorded seminar giving overview of how to analyze SPEP results, followed by written assessment
2023	Myeloid Sarcomas: 20-minute lecture as part of UPMC pathology department's monthly interesting case conference
2023	Pediatric vs. Adult Hematologic Malignancies: It's in the Genes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-minute Grand Rounds lecture discussing age-related molecular variations between follicular lymphoma and acute lymphoblastic leukemia
2023	Factor V Leiden: 1-hour recorded seminar teaching about how screening and confirmatory tests are conducted, followed by written assessment
2022	Respiratory Syncytial Virus: A Timely Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-hour clinical pathology didactic lecture reviewing virus and testing methods
2022	Post-Transfusion Purpura: A Challenging Diagnosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led 1-hour journal club discussing the condition and its history since its discovery in the 1960s

Tumor Boards

2024	Gynecologic Tumor Board
2024	Genitourinary Tumor Board
2024	Sarcoma Tumor Board
2024	Orthopedic Tumor Board
2023	Gastrointestinal Tumor Boards
2023	Thyroid & Endocrine Tumor Board

ONGOING PROJECTS

2024-Present	<u>Besen A</u> , Syposs C, Jean-Gilles J, Liao X. A case of pancreatic natural killer/T-cell lymphoma. Drafting case report.
2024-Present	<u>Besen A</u> , Ettel M, Liao X. Rosai-Dorfman disease-like atypical histiocytosis incidentally discovered on routine colonoscopy. Drafting case report.
2023-Present	<u>Besen A</u> , Liao X. Textbook chapters covering multiple lymphomatous polyposis and epithelioid hemangioendothelioma for textbook on rare tumors of the gastrointestinal tract.
2023-Present	<u>Besen A</u> , Evans A, Liao X. Clinicopathologic correlation of low-grade B-cell neoplasms identified in colon biopsies: a single-institutional review. Drafting manuscript.