

American Society of Cytopathology Announces 2017 ASC Achievement Award Winners

The Awards will be presented at the 65th Annual Scientific Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona on November 12, 2017.



Lydia Pleotis Howell, MD

The Executive Board and the Awards Committee of the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) announce the 2017 ASC Achievement Award Winners. The Papanicolaou Award is awarded to Lydia Pleotis Howell, MD, the Cytotechnologist Award for Outstanding Achievement winner is Kalyani Naik, MS, SCT(ASCP), and the Excellence in Education Award is awarded to Brian T. Collins, MD posthumously. The Awards will be presented at the 65th Annual Scientific Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona on November 12, 2017.

About the Winners:

A 1981 graduate of Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, **Lydia Pleotis Howell, MD** was mentored by cytopathology pioneers Irena Koprowska, MD during residency at Temple University Hospital, and Tilde Kline, MD during a fellowship at Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia. Dr. Howell is professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the UC Davis School of Medicine where she founded their Cytopathology Fellowship Program and more recently, established a cytotechnology training program in collaboration with the University of Nebraska. She has served the cytology community as a member of many state and national advisory boards, and contributed to the development and application of new technologies to cytology practice, including the thin-layer method and computer-assisted screening. Dr. Howell also has a research interest in the academic workforce and diversity. She has published more than 85 journal articles, in addition to many books, chapters, and guidelines. A recognized leader, Dr. Howell has served her institution as the Director of Cytopathology and Anatomic Pathology, and as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Howell has served the ASC in many roles, including Foundation Chair from 2005-2009 and ASC President, 2011-2012.



Kalyani Naik, MS, SCT(ASCP)

Over the span of her career, which began in 1988 upon graduation from University of Connecticut Health Center Cytotechnology Program, **Kalyani Naik, MS, SCT(ASCP)** has served as staff cytotechnologist, Cytotechnology Program Education Coordinator and Program Director, Cytopathology quality assurance coordinator, Anatomic Pathology LIS Project lead, and Cytopathology Supervisor. Throughout her career, Kalyani has demonstrated her passion for Cytopathology by maintaining a leading role in the profession, giving numerous presentations, participating in many task forces and panels and serving in a variety of roles in her professional societies. Ms. Naik is currently Cytopathology Supervisor at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Brian T. Collins, MD

Brian T. Collins, MD completed his pathology residency at Indiana University and was Associate Professor and Section Head of Cytopathology at Washington University in St. Louis. He was the Cytopathology Fellowship Program Director at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Medical Director of the Cytotechnology Program at Saint Louis University. Dr. Collins was a proponent of new practice paradigms including telepathology and used evidenced-based research to advocate for ROSE FNA biopsy service. He published 120 peer-reviewed journal articles, 75 abstracts and book chapters. As an educator, he presented at national workshops, ASC Annual Scientific Meetings and teleconferences. Dr. Collins passed away on December 26, 2016. With his passing, cytology has lost an advocate and friend.