

Board

The remit of the Board of the Faculty is to act on behalf of the Faculty in the following areas:

- To advance the science, art and practice of Pathology in Ireland. To promote education, study and research in Pathology for the public benefit.
- To act as the authoritative body for consultation on matters of educational, professional or public interest concerning Pathology.
- To represent the specialty of Pathology on international, national and regional councils or committees concerned with postgraduate medical education.
- To obtain and maintain recognition as the Body responsible for advising recognised Statutory bodies on all matters concerning Pathology under any scheme for specialist training, accreditation or registration.

Chair – Professor Conor O’Keane

Executive Committee

Remit is to act on behalf of the Board of the Faculty on specific matters which arise between Board meetings. Executive Committee is comprised of Dean, Vice Dean, Honorary Secretary & Treasurer.

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Education & Training Committee

The Education and Training Committee is a Standing Committee of the Board and consists of Fellows of the Faculty & National Specialty Directors who address matters regarding education and training on behalf of all of the subspecialties in the Faculty. The Dean of Higher Medical Training or his/her nominee will normally attend.

Chair – Dr. Tom Crotty

Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is a Standing Committee of the Faculty and is comprised of the Officers of the Faculty. It’s remit is to discuss matters pertaining to finance and business matters of the Faculty.

Chair – Dr. Michael Jeffers

Specialty Training Committee – Histopathology/Microbiology

Some of the subspecialties in the Faculty have a Specialty Training Committee which is a subcommittee of the Board of Faculty, whose remit is to assist and advise the National Specialty Directors and Dean in some of their duties, in:

- Recruitment and selection of trainees
- Assessment of trainees
- Review of Curricula

Inspection and approval of training programmes and posts for trainees
Nomination of the National Specialty Director.
Coordination of the Study Day Programme in the specialty.

The membership of the STC includes the National Specialty Director, who will take the position of chair, the Dean, or his/her representative, and a selection of trainers, representing each region. A trainee representative normally sits on the STC. The Dean of Higher Medical Training or his/her nominee will normally attend.

Histopathology Subgroup

The Histopathology subgroup is a subcommittee of the Board of the Faculty, whose remit is to assist and advise the Officers and Dean in specialty specific business matters of the Faculty e.g. Coroner's, Tissue Act, Organ Retention etc. Fellows of the Faculty make up the membership of the subgroup and a Chair is nominated.

Chair – Dr. Kieran Sheahan

Chemical Pathology Subgroup

Subgroup set up to address issues in regard to business and training in relation to chemical pathology.

Cytology (2)

Gynae Cytology

Subsection of the Histopathology subgroup. This subcommittee was established in response to the outsourcing of cervical screening cytology by the National Cancer Screening Service (NCSS) to Quest Diagnostics in the USA.

Wider Implications

Subsection of the Histopathology subgroup. A second subcommittee was set up to look at the wider implications for patient care, pathology education and training, research, service development and potential future outsourcing of other laboratory services. This committee only met once.

Paediatric Perinatal Pathology Subgroup

Subsection of the Histopathology Subgroup. Remit is to consider the demand for specialist histopathology services in ROI in the areas of paediatric pathology and perinatal pathology in light of complaints/concerns from histopathologists.

Point of Care Testing Consultative Group

Set up to address best practice in point of care testing in Ireland in line with international standards.

Molecular Testing Subgroup

Subsection of the Histopathology subgroup. Remit to address the issue of molecular testing within histopathology laboratories.

Professional Competence Subcommittee

Subgroup of the Board being set up to look at the specialty specific requirements for Professional Competence Assurance in all the pathology specialties.