

Examination for the European Fellowship in Neuropathology

A draft time-table of the EFN examination appears in the following table. A 'long' case should test knowledge of microscopical anatomy (i.e. distribution of lesions) as well as identification and interpretation of altered morphology. A 'short' case is expected to have fewer slides and focuses on identification and interpretation of altered morphology.

	Session			
Day 1	1	0900-1100	Adult autopsy cases - <i>not</i> neurodegeneration	2 'long' cases (A & B)
		1100-1130	<i>Supervised Break</i>	
	2	1130-1230	Adult autopsy cases - Neurodegenerative disorders	1 'long' case (C)
		1230-1330	<i>Lunch</i>	
Day 2	3	1330-1430	<i>Brain Cut</i>	Including test of knowledge of anatomy and sampling strategy
		1430-1530	Paediatric / Developmental autopsy neuropathology	1 'long' case or 2 'short' cases (D & E), based on number of slides and complexity of case
	4	1530-1600	<i>Break</i>	
		1600-1700	Computer-based knowledge test (CKnT)	May include general pathology, basic neuroscience, and aspects of clinical neuroscience relevant to neuropathological practice
	5	0900-1200	Neurosurgical biopsy reporting (adult & paediatric)	20 neurosurgical biopsy cases, including 1 or 2 CSF specimens (F)
		1200-1300	<i>Lunch</i>	
6	1300-1345	Intra-operative biopsy reporting	4 wet smear preparations (G = 2 smears; H = 2 other smears) [Toluidine blue or H&E]	
	1345-1400	<i>Break</i>		
7	1400-1530	Neuromuscular disease	2 muscle biopsies (I & J) and 1 nerve biopsy (K)	
8	1530-1630	Oral examination (30-45 minutes for each candidate)	Including questions on [1] professional behaviour [2] how to do, or give advice on, the indications for, and practical aspects of, a neuropathological autopsy.	