

Curriculum for the Board Certification:

1. Gross pathology, normal histology, non-proliferative and proliferative histopathological changes including age-related changes and neoplasia in all the different organs/organ systems in the common species of laboratory animals especially rats and mice.
2. Euthanasia, necropsy and tissue collection techniques.
3. Correlation of gross, organ weights and histopathological changes.
4. Gross and histological differences between different species, differences in histology and histopathology of the sexes of different species.
5. Clinical chemistry, hematology, coagulation parameters and urinalysis and correlation to histopathology.
6. Principles of toxicological testing for preclinical safety assessment studies, design of experiments, collection of data, regulatory guidelines.
7. Current up-to-date terminology as recommended by organizations like the STP and GoReni.
8. Theoretical basis of pathological changes, mechanism of toxicopathology.
9. Interpretation of data, practical applications of knowledge, reporting of findings.
10. A knowledge of common artifacts, postmortem changes and pitfalls encountered by Pathologists.
11. Basic knowledge of histotechniques (including special fixatives, special staining etc.) and its application to regulatory toxicology studies.
12. Staining and histochemistry, ultrastructural pathology, immunohistochemistry, molecular/immunological diagnostic tools (e.g., Basic Toxicogenomics/ proteomics).
13. Common species of laboratory animals : rats, mice, guinea pigs, rabbits, dogs, non-human primates.
14. Pathology and pathology techniques in reproductive toxicity studies (vaginal smears, foetal developmental markers, studies on sperms and ovaries, foetal visceral & skeletal examinations for developmental malformations, fixation / staining techniques).
15. Good laboratory practice in toxicological pathology and peer review system.
16. Biomarkers in toxicological pathology.

Organs/organ systems

1. Oral cavity, Esophagus and Stomach
2. Salivary glands
3. Small and large intestine
4. Peritoneum, Mesentery and abdominal cavity
5. Hepato-biliary system including gall bladder
6. Endocrine system
7. Urinary system
8. Central and peripheral nervous system
9. Reproductive system
10. Respiratory system
11. Lymphoid and vascular system
12. Eye, bone and skin

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