

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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