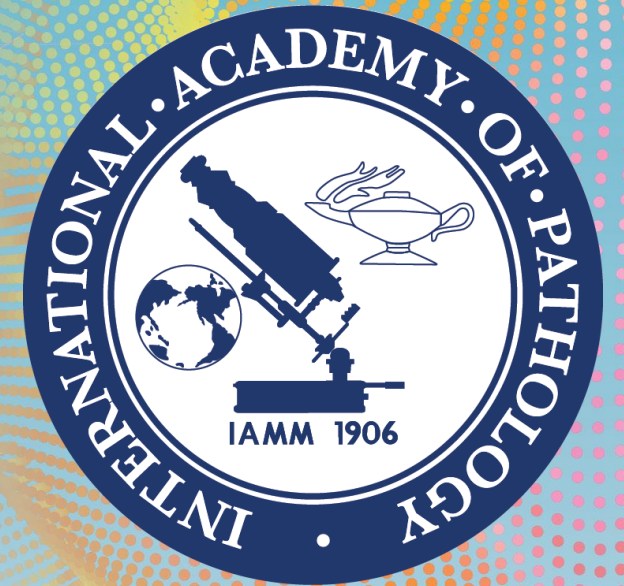


The Path to Dermatopathology Expertise

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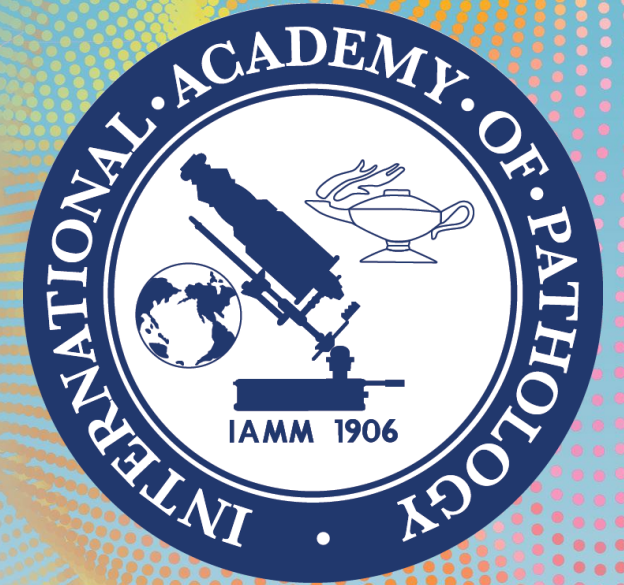
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The Pros and Cons of the RPCA Post-Fellowship Dermatopathology Certificate



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No relevant financial relationships

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What is it?



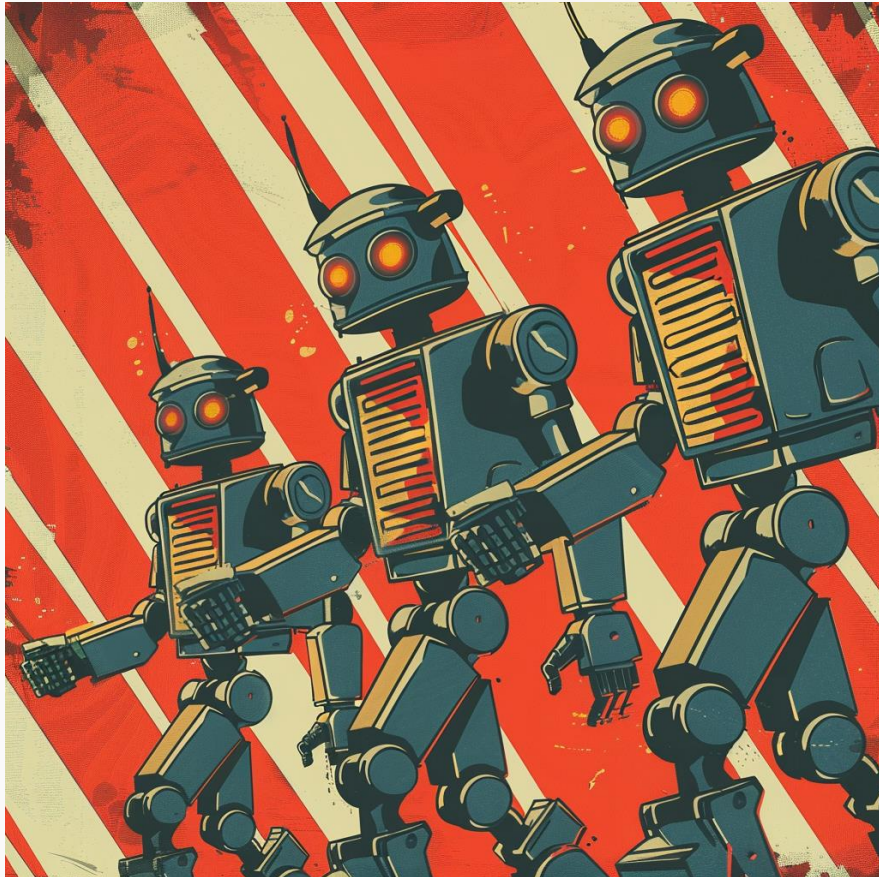
- **1 year training programme**
- **All aspects of skin pathology**
- **Post Fellowship**
 - Anatomical pathology
 - General pathology

Expected outcomes



- **Develop skin pathology expertise**
- **Demonstrate expertise in:**
 - **Diagnostics**
 - **Management**
 - **Research / Scholarship**
 - **Professional qualities**

Pros – the robots are coming



- Artificial intelligence in dermpath
- Automation of routine dermpath
- AI's limits / Human superiority in:
 - Melanocytic pathology
 - Inflammatory dermpath
 - Interacting with clinicians

Expertise = job security

Pros – the pathway is clear



- Structured learning goals
- Sense of direction
- How good is good enough?
- Objective evidence of expertise

Easy to aim for specific goals

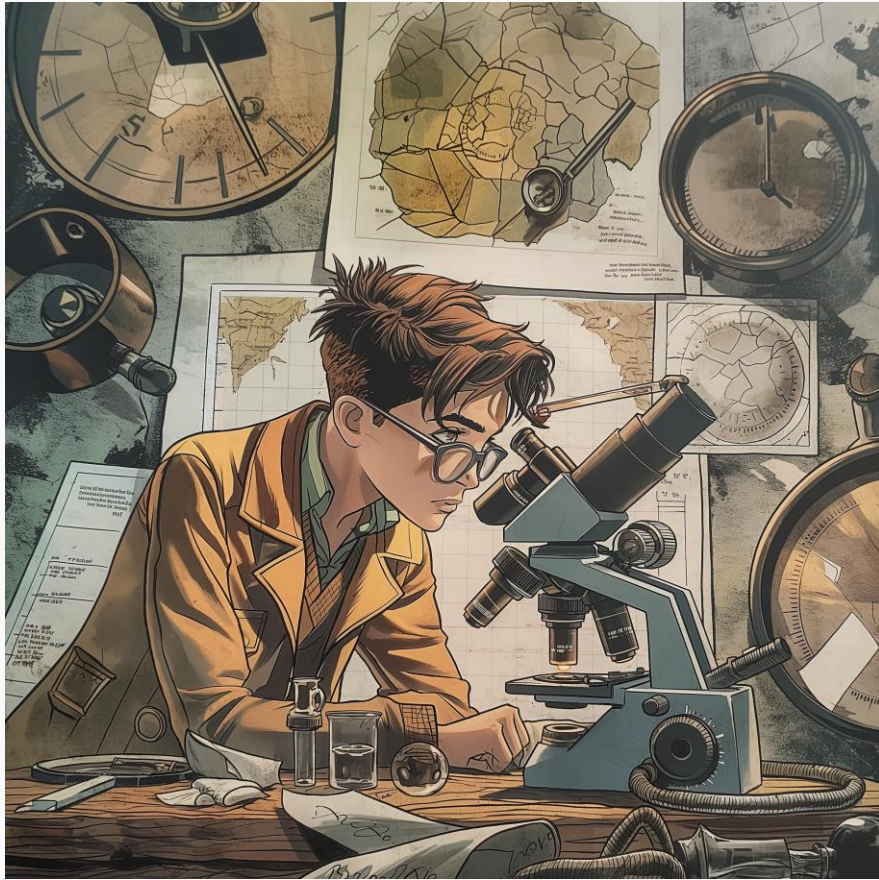
Pros – time to lead



- Leadership is built on knowledge
- Pathology leaders understand:
 - Diagnostics
 - Laboratory processes
 - Regulatory requirements
 - Interpersonal dynamics

Leaders are made, not born

Requirements



- **Exams**
 - written
 - slides
 - oral

Requirements cont.



- Clinical time
- Case reporting

Cons – work life balance



- **Large information load**
 - pathology knowledge
 - clinical correlation
- **Not enough time**
 - routine workload
 - learning tasks
 - clinical attachment
 - home life

Role tension and/or conflict

Cons – you're the expert now



- Expectations increase
- Your advice will be sought
- Difficult cases become your problem

Expect extra responsibility

N=1 – my journey



- 2005 FRPCA
- 2009
- 2015 ICDP-UEMS Dermpath Diploma
- 2020 RCPA Dermpath Diploma
- 2022 RCPA Examiner in Dermpath
- 2024
- 2024 DHM Co-Director Dermpath

