



MEET TERRI EWA JONES, MD— A VALUED ASC MEDICAL MEMBER AND OUR MAY SPOTLIGHT MEMBER.

Dr. Jones has been a member since 2020 and currently serves on *The ASC Bulletin Editorial Board*.

How did you first find out about cytology and what drew you to this profession?

I've known about the existence of pathology since I was a kid - my mom is a pathologist. However, she doesn't practice cytopathology, so I didn't know about this as a career path until med school and residency.

What first drew me to cytopathology was the challenge of having to interpret a specimen without the assistance of tissue architecture present in surgical specimens. This skill takes time to develop and requires lots of cytologic-histologic correlation, a process that sometimes feels like translating between two languages! I feel my training and use of cytopathology makes me a surgical pathologist with a keener eye.

Tell us about an interesting case or situation that you have encountered in your practice.

I recall being on Pap service followed by the gynecological biopsy service at my institution. I ended up getting a cervical Pap and an endometrial biopsy from the same patient. The Pap test showed numerous highly atypical clusters of cells with prominent nucleoli, consistent with adenocarcinoma. There was also a smaller population of highly atypical single cells with elongated cytoplasm scattered in the background - raising the possibility of carcinosarcoma.

The endometrial biopsy showed endometrial adenocarcinoma, but I had trouble identifying the histologic correlate for the highly atypical cells with elongated cytoplasm I had seen on the Pap. I ordered additional H&E levels on the biopsy, which revealed a small focus of a leiomyosarcomatous component, thus sufficient for a diagnosis of endometrial carcinosarcoma.

Without the Pap test, I wouldn't have been able to reach a diagnosis of carcinosarcoma!

What do you like best about being a cytopathologist?

I think it's so neat how cytology enables you to make diagnoses on small amounts of material! With the increasing innovation of ancillary studies, we are able to garner even more information from small specimens. It will be interesting to see how this continues to evolve.

What is one piece of advice you have for young cytopathologists/cytologists who are in the early phases of their careers?

If you're a pathology resident and interested in cytopathology as a career path, I think it is always helpful to get involved in research within the field as soon as you can. This allows you the potential to attend meetings like the American Society of Cytopathology Annual Meeting, present your research, and network with trainees, cytologists, and attendings!

What do you value most about your membership in the ASC?

I value the sense of community and camaraderie present at ASC meetings. My first Annual Meeting was in 2022 in Baltimore. I attended as a cytopathology fellow and remember the relaxed and friendly nature of attendees. I met with old friends at that meeting and made some new ones too!

What is something interesting about you outside of your profession that you would like to share?

I love plants and gardening, writing - both scientific and fiction, and I speak fluent Polish.

